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# Estimative of gravity-gradient tensor components via fast iterative equivalent-layer technique

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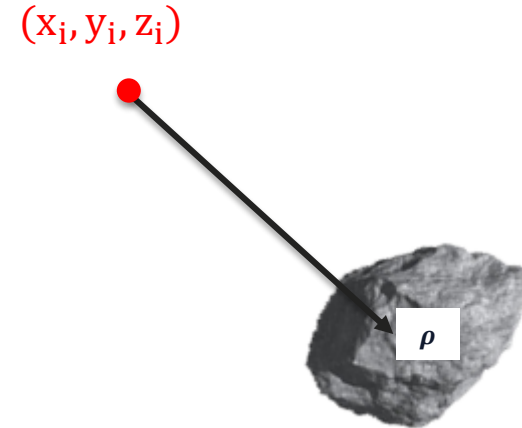
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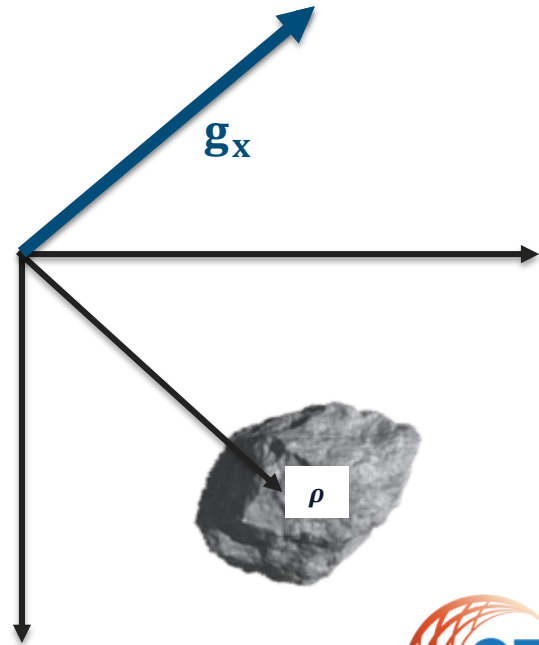
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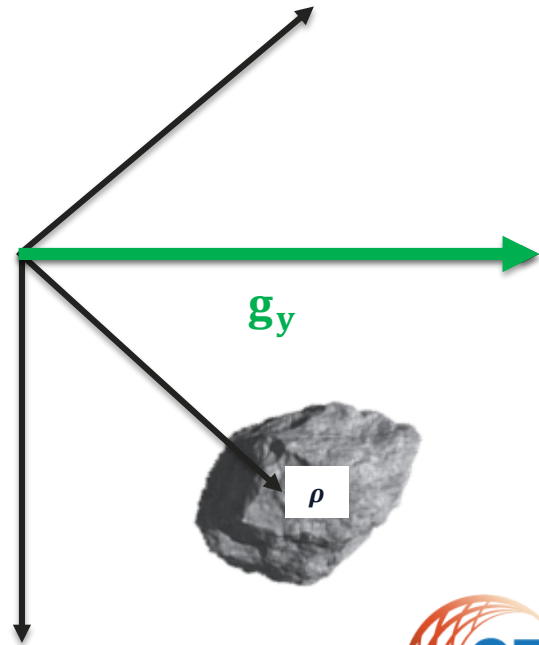
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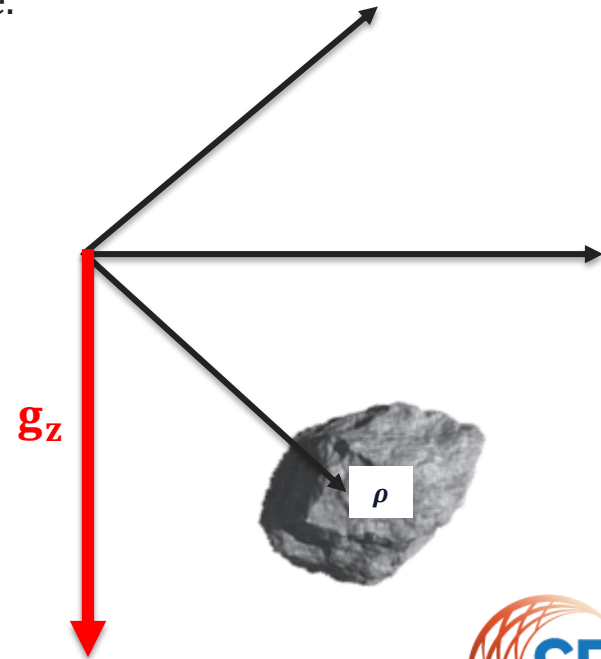
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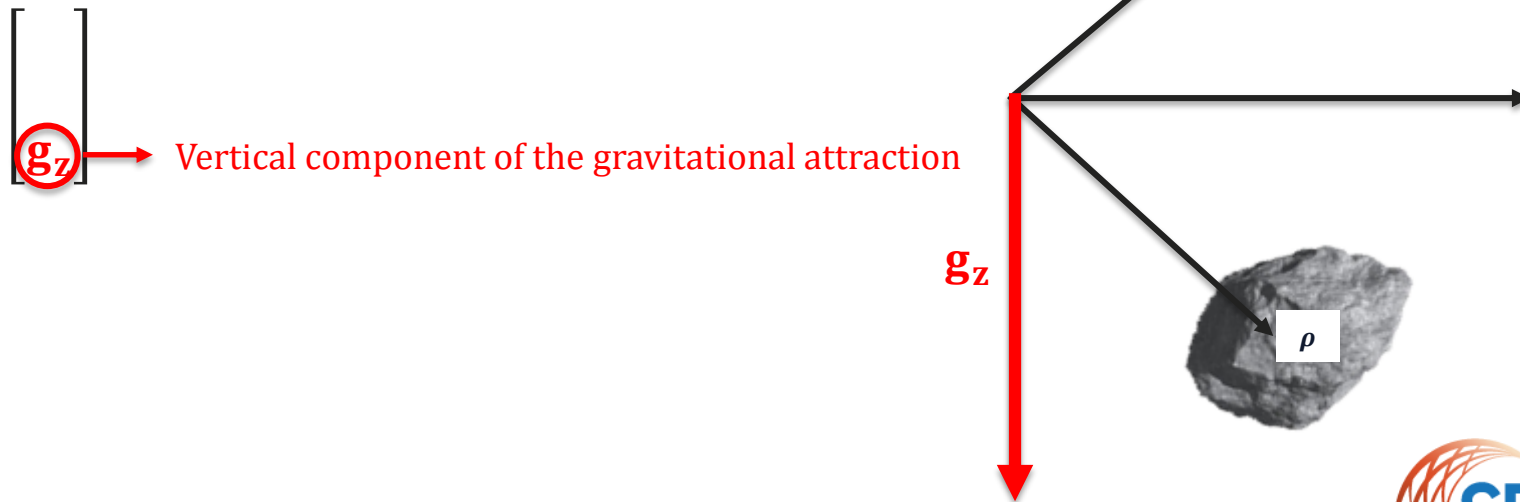


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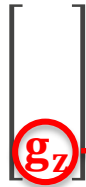


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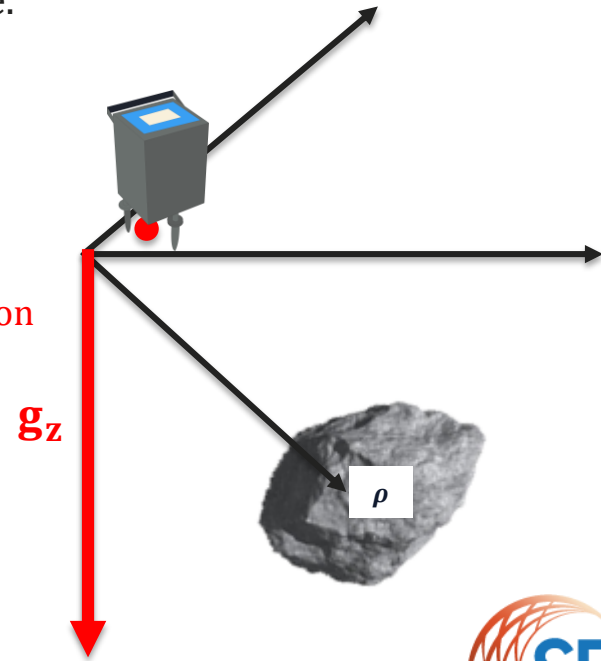




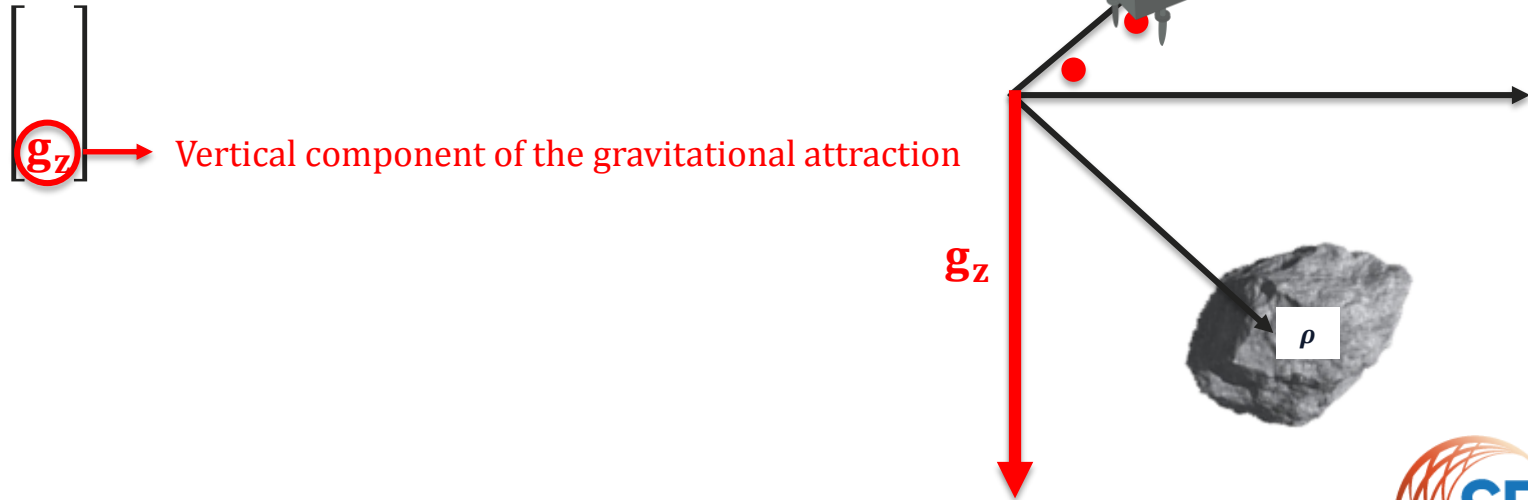
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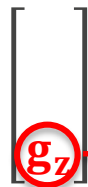
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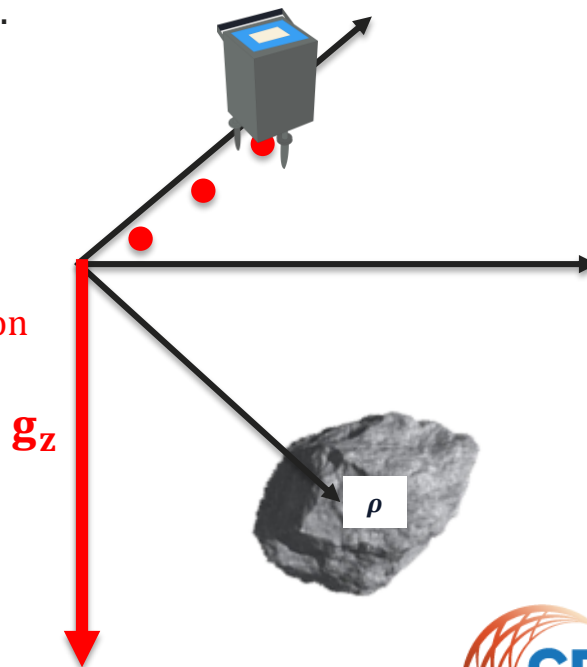
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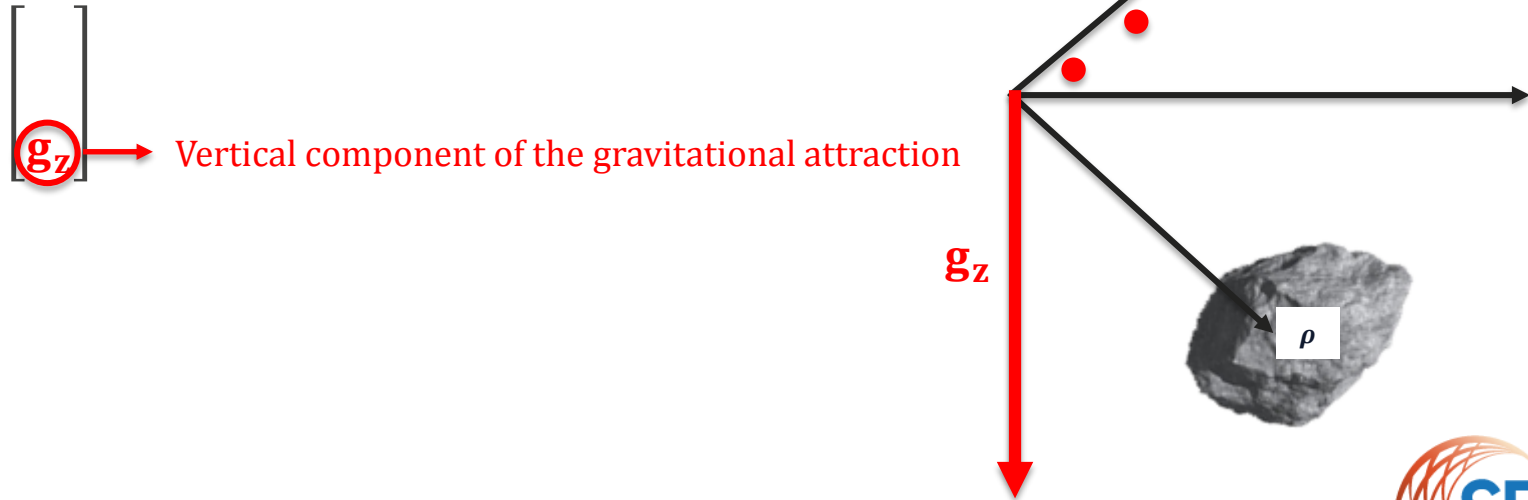
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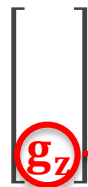
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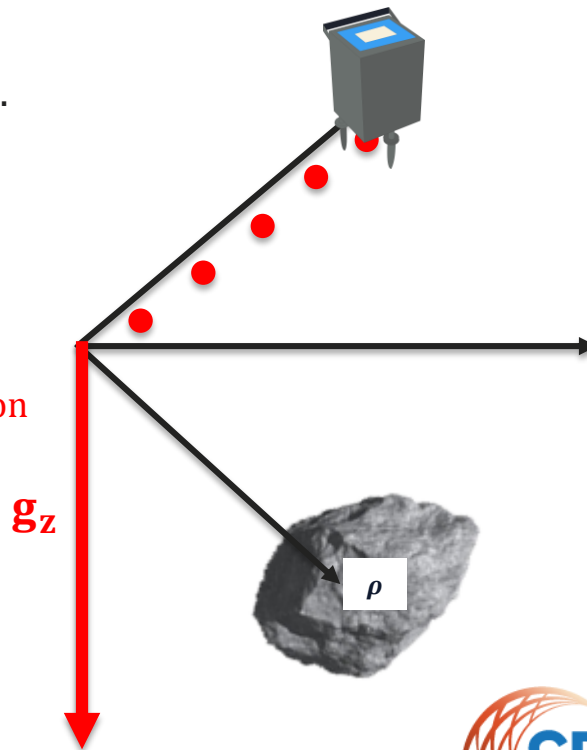
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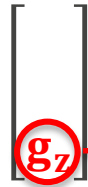
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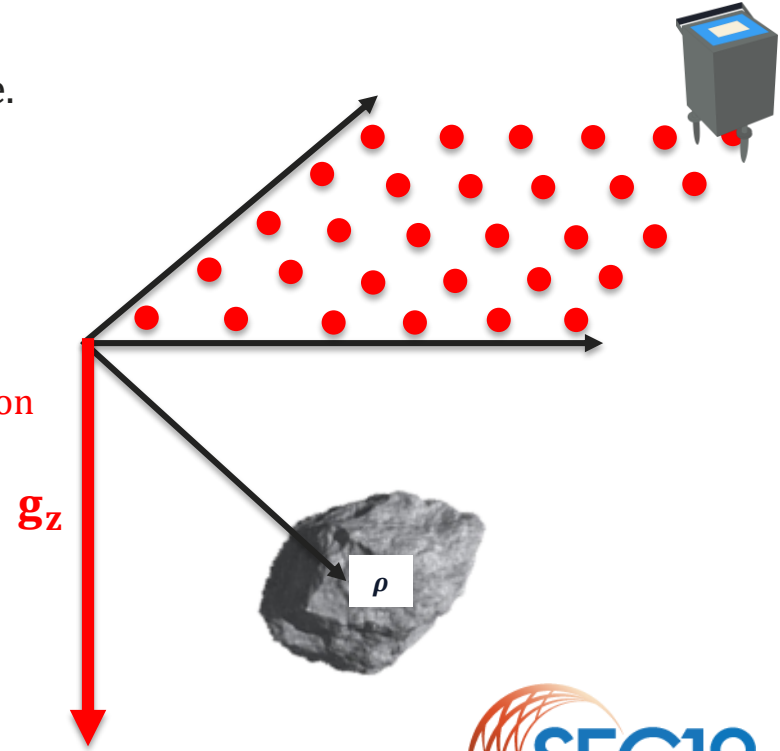
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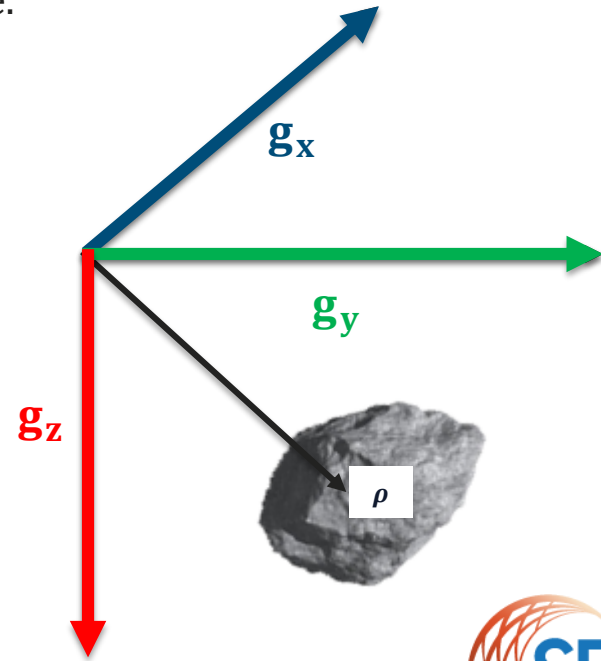


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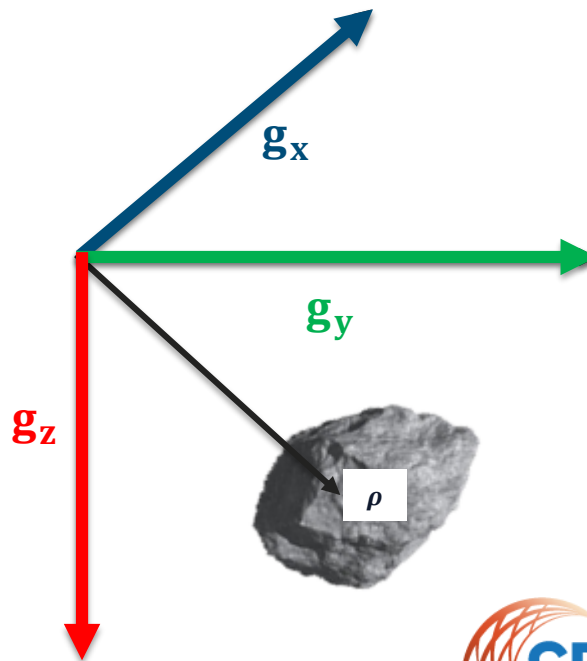
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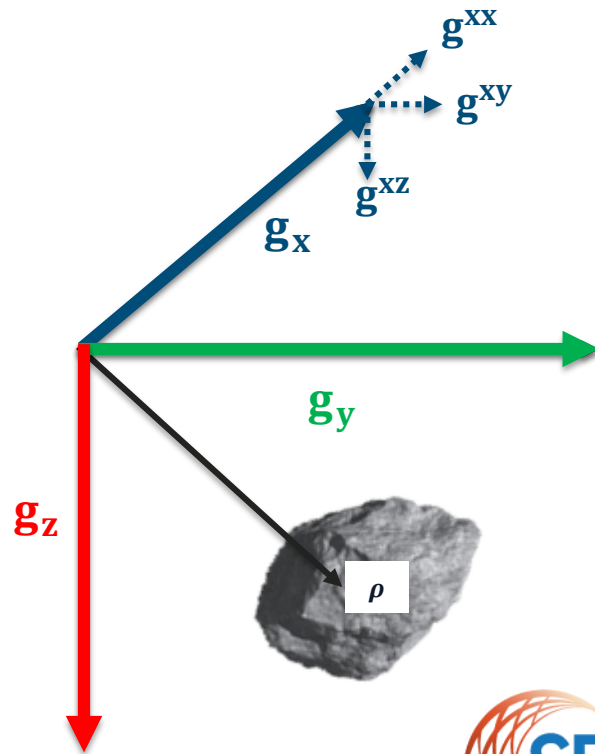
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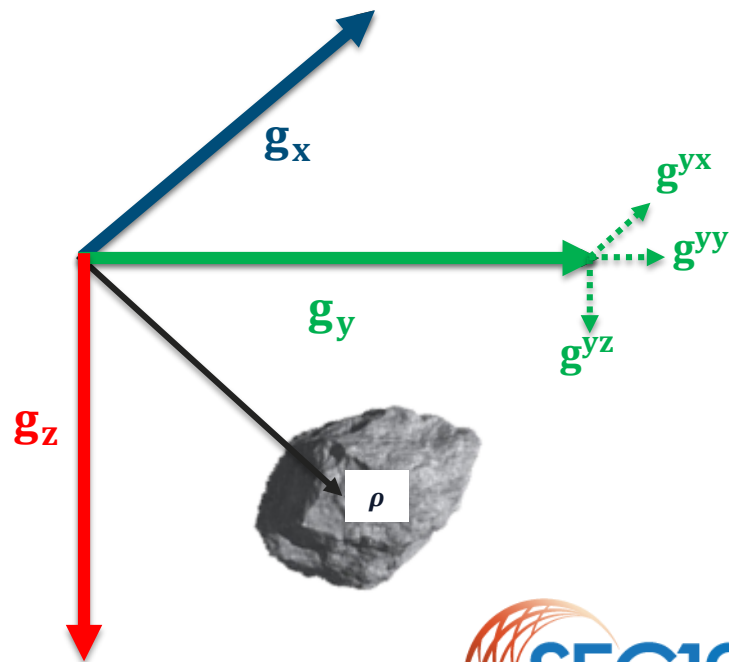
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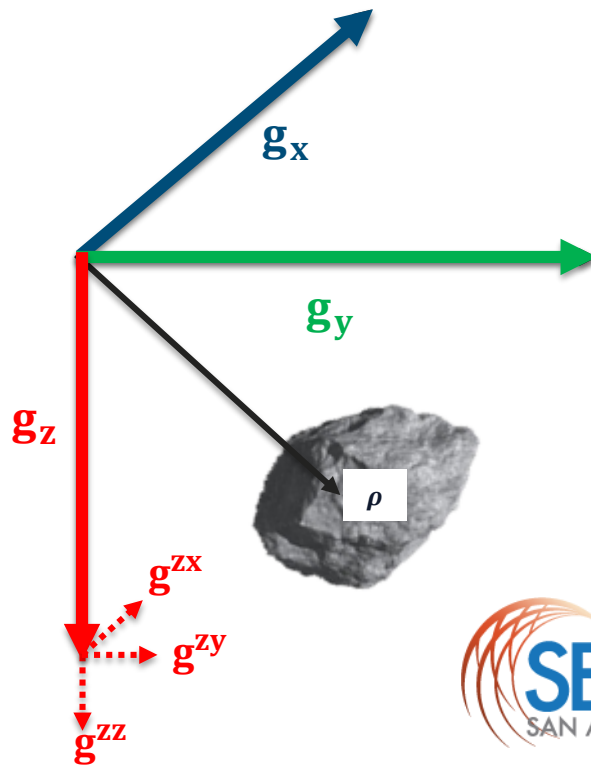
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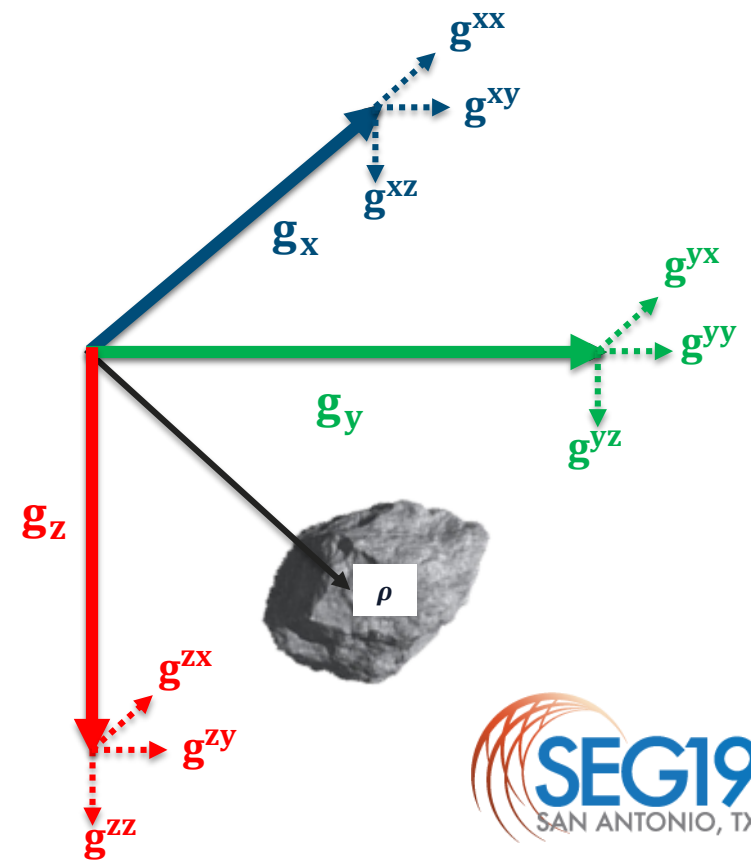


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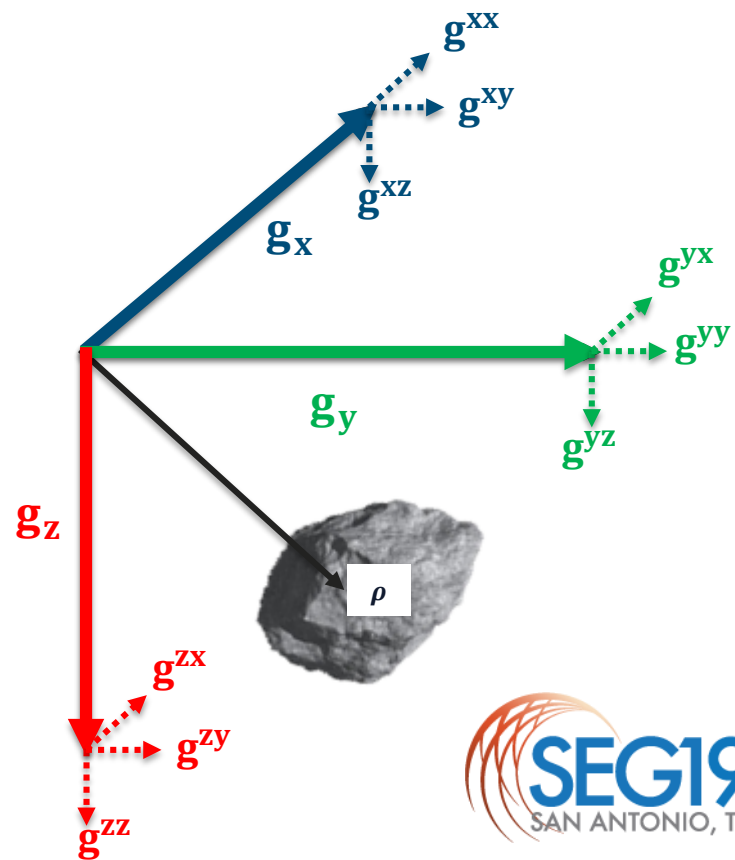
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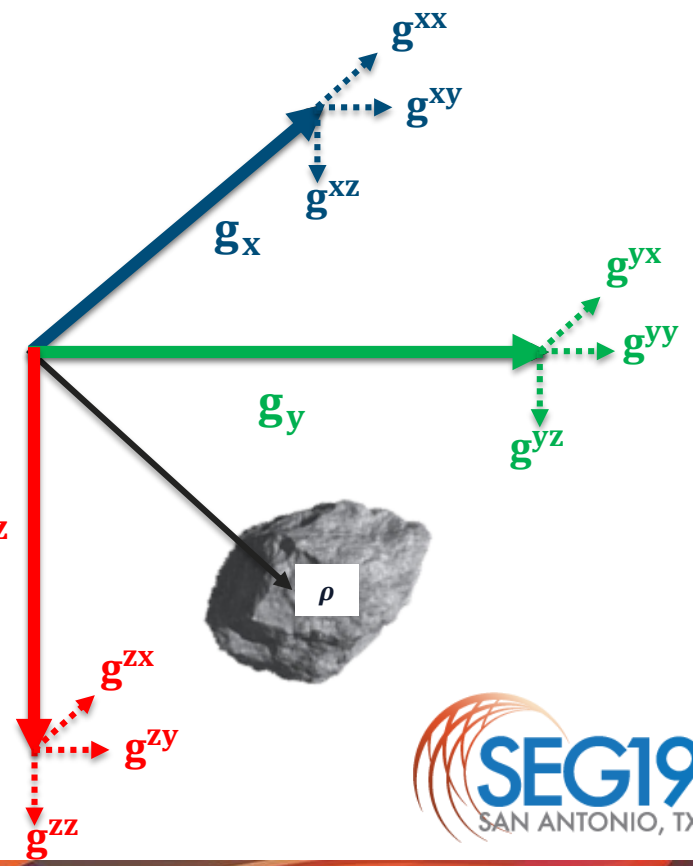
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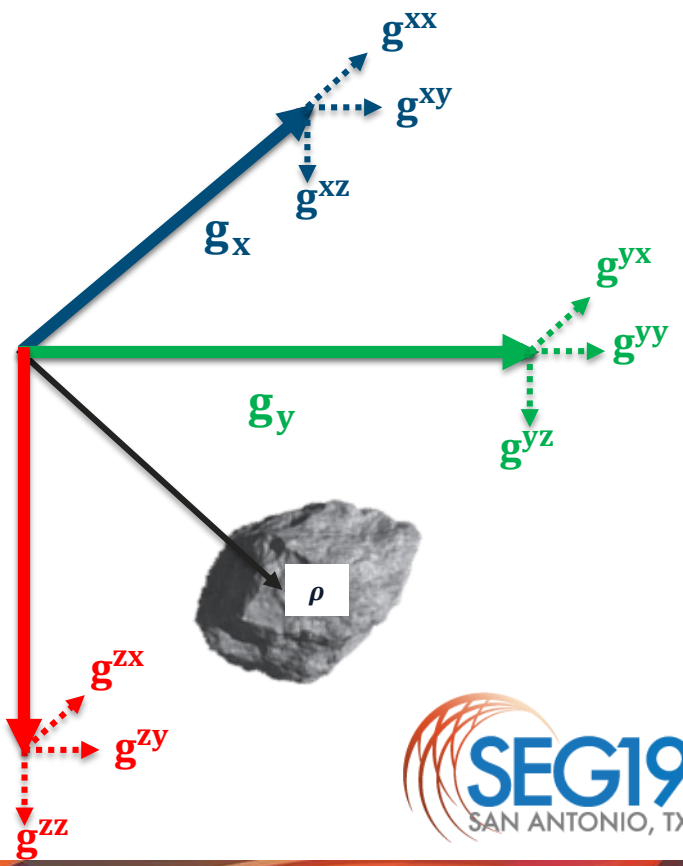
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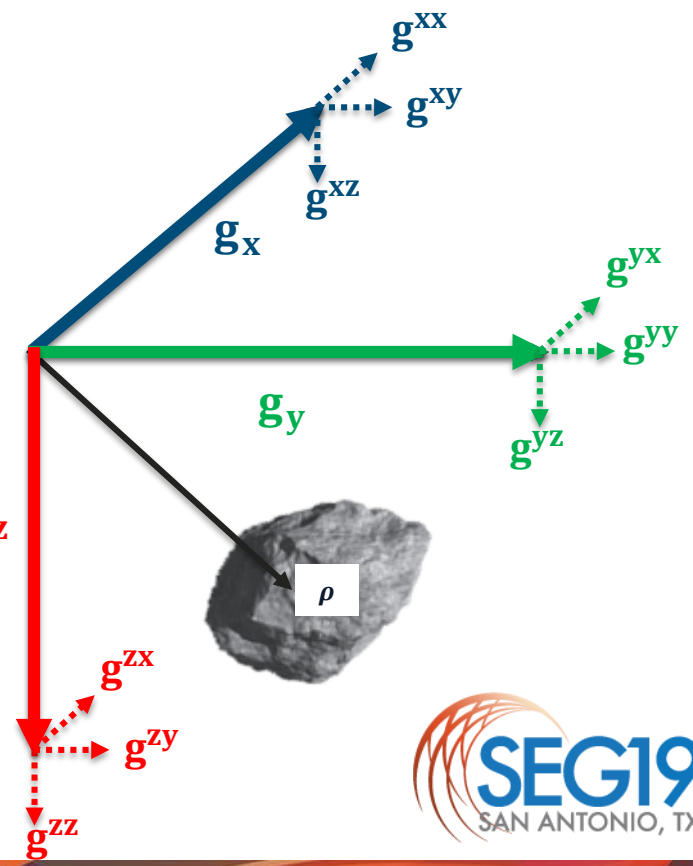
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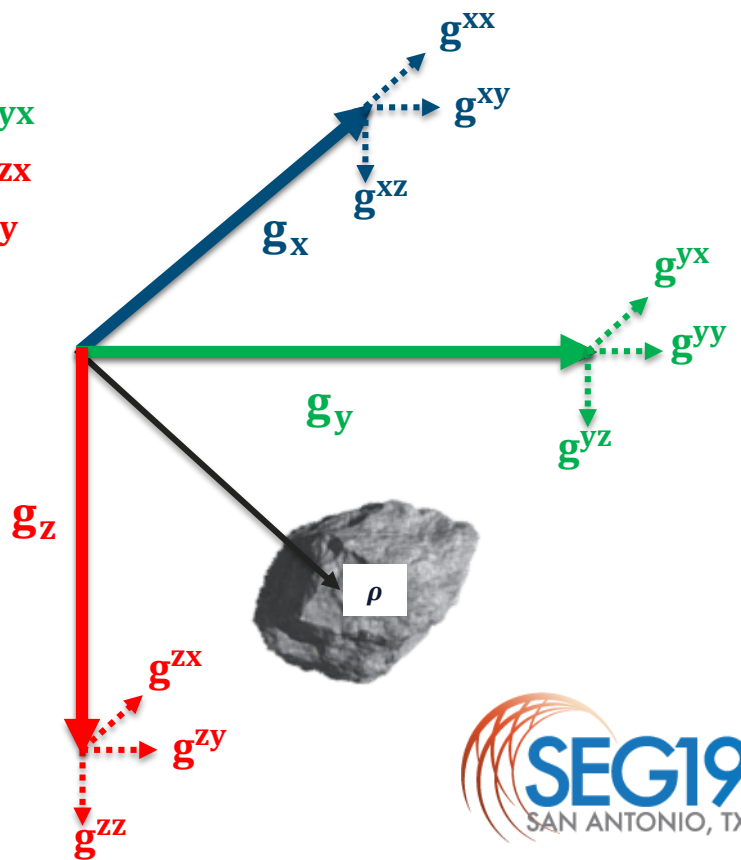
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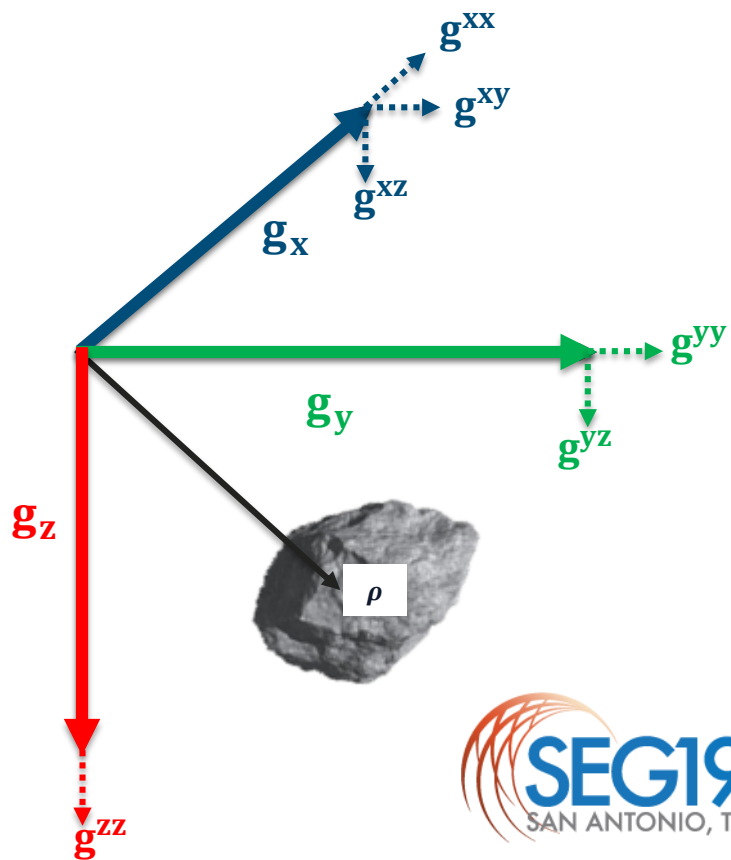


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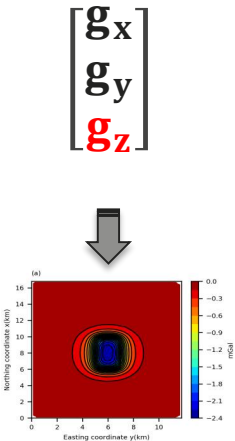
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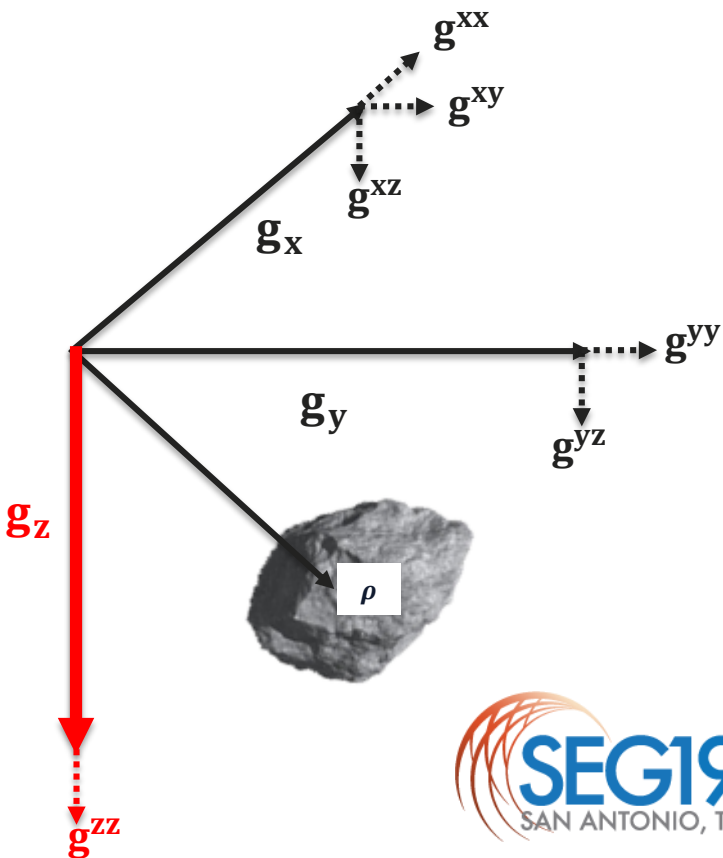


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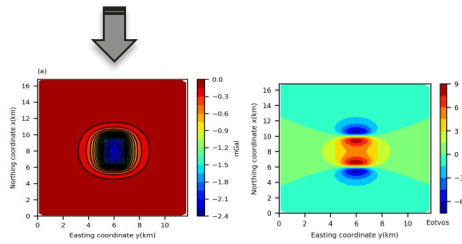
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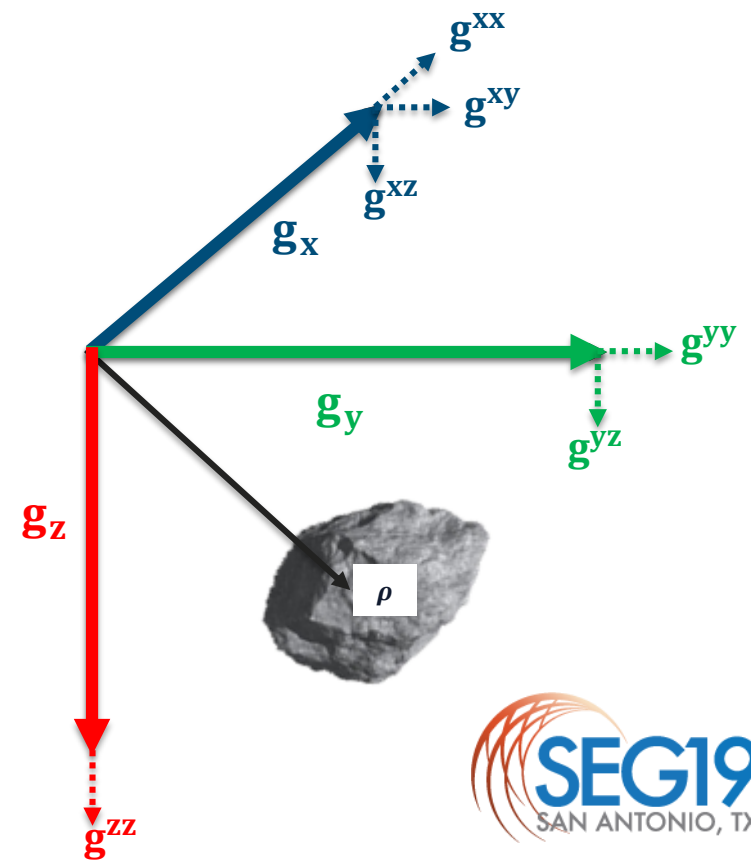
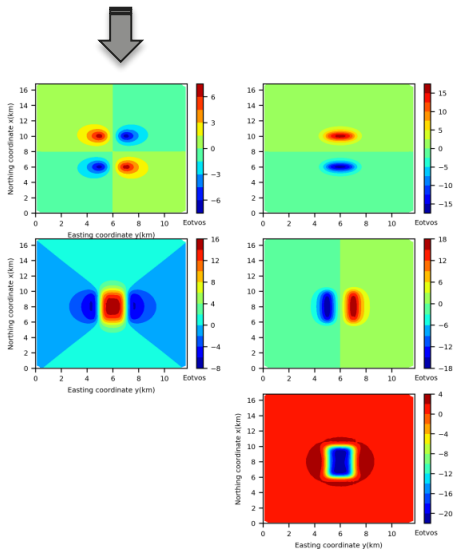
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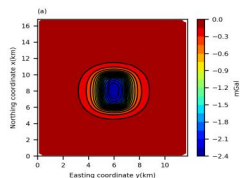
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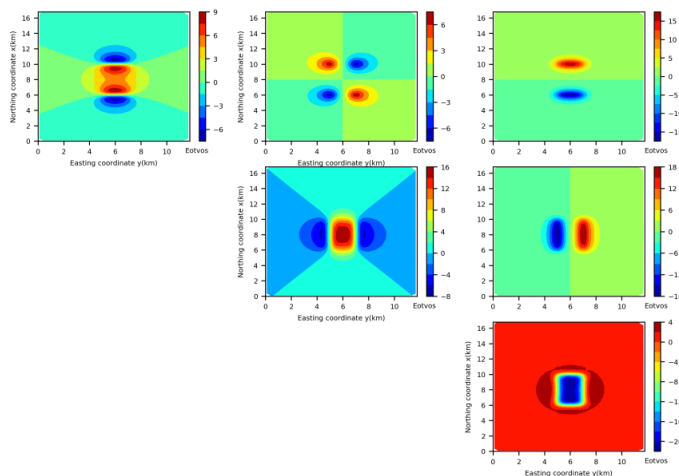


- The  $g_z$ - component has historically been used because of the ease of interpretation and the low-cost of measurement;
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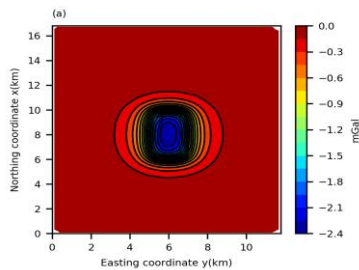
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- Since the great improvement in the acquisition of accurate gravity-gradient data, these data have increasingly been used in geophysical prospecting (mining and hydrocarbon explorations; e.g., Zhdanov et al. 2004; Uieda and Barbosa, 2012; Martinez et al., 2013; and Carlos et al., 2014).
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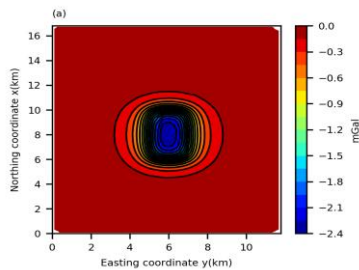
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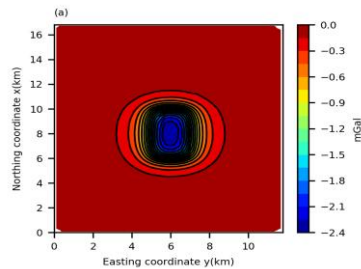


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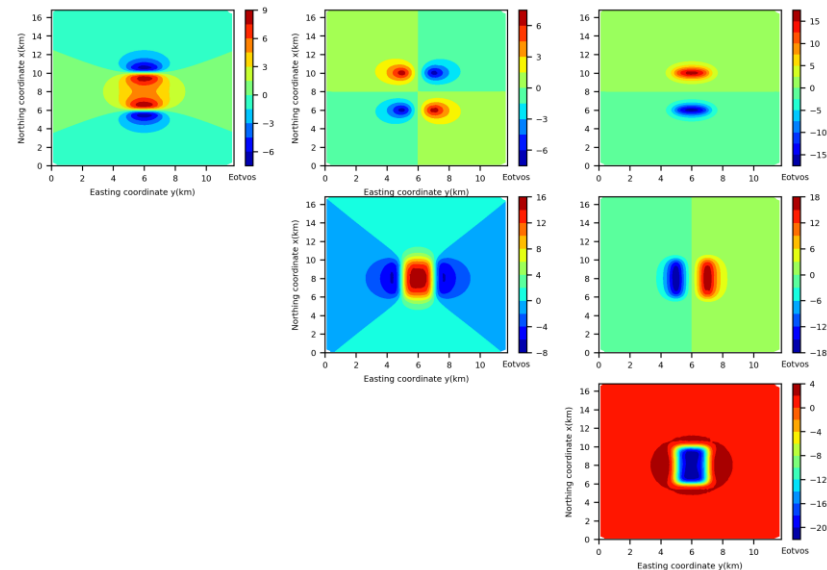
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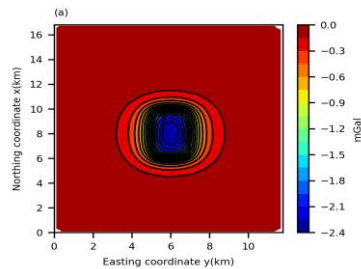
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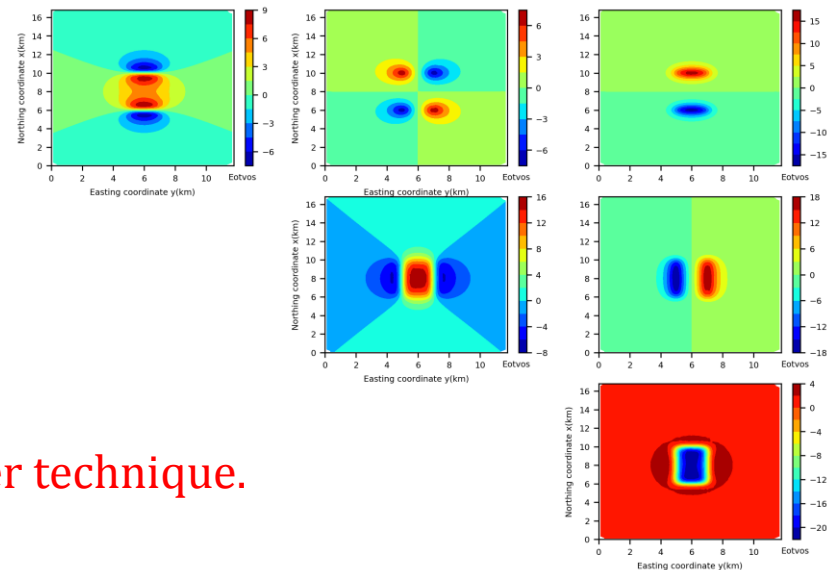
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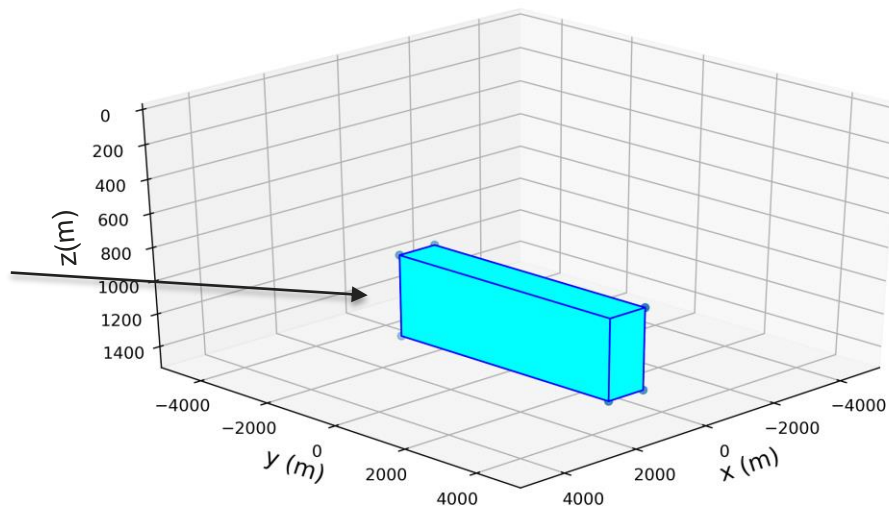


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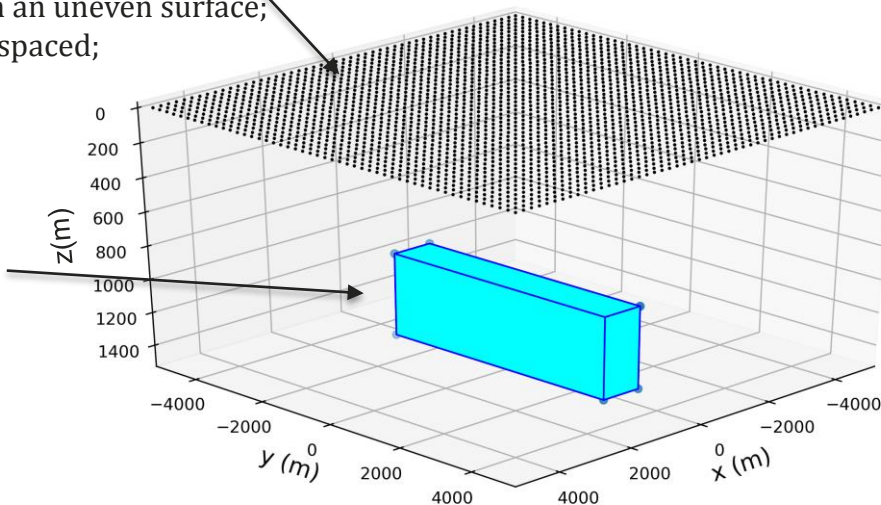
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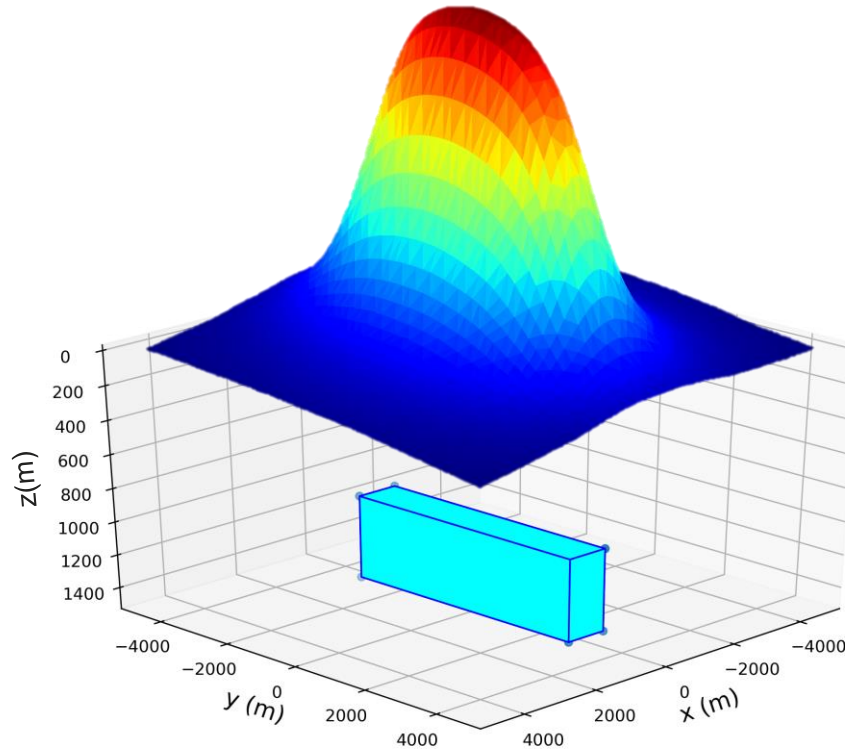
$N$  observed  $g_z$  –component

{ may be: - acquired on an uneven surface;  
- irregularly spaced;

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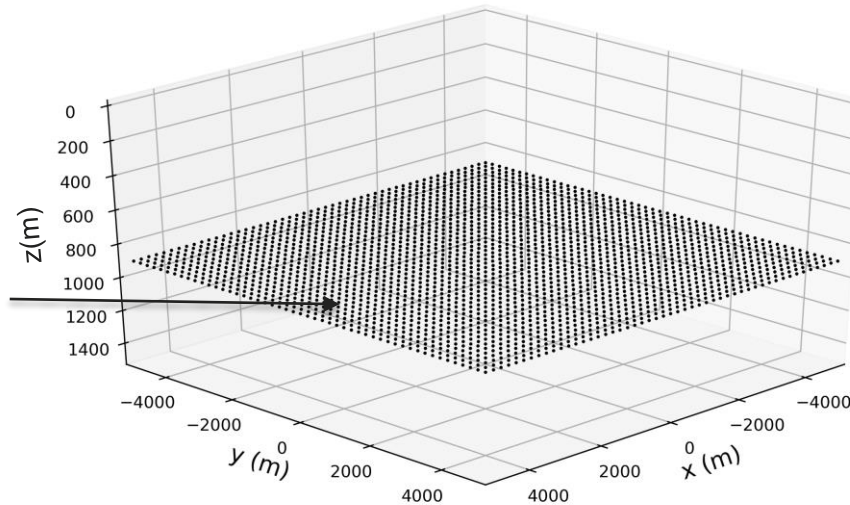
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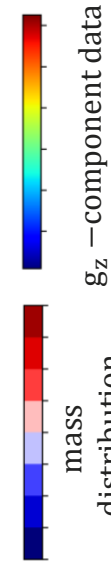
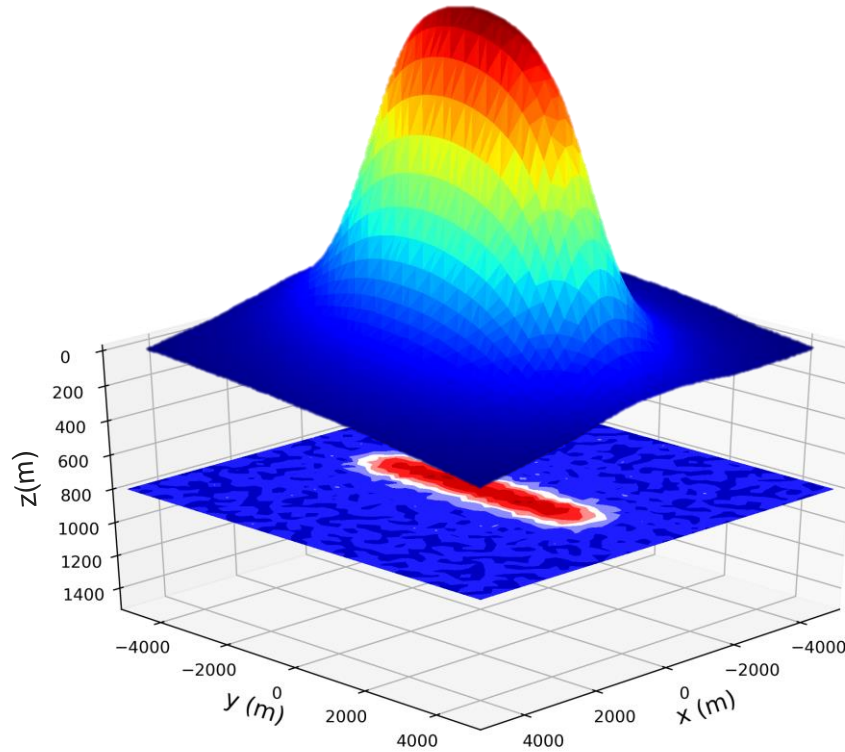
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$M$  equivalent sources  
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$N \times M$  matrix of the Green's function

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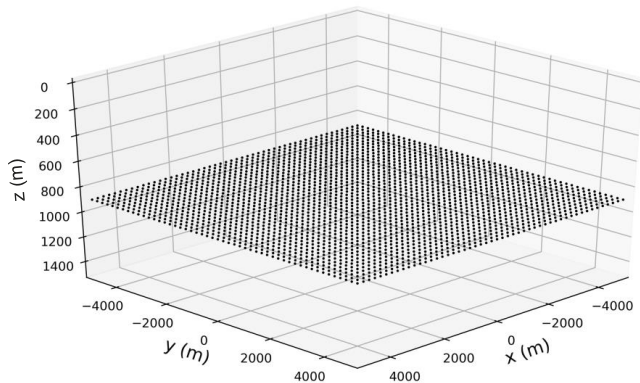
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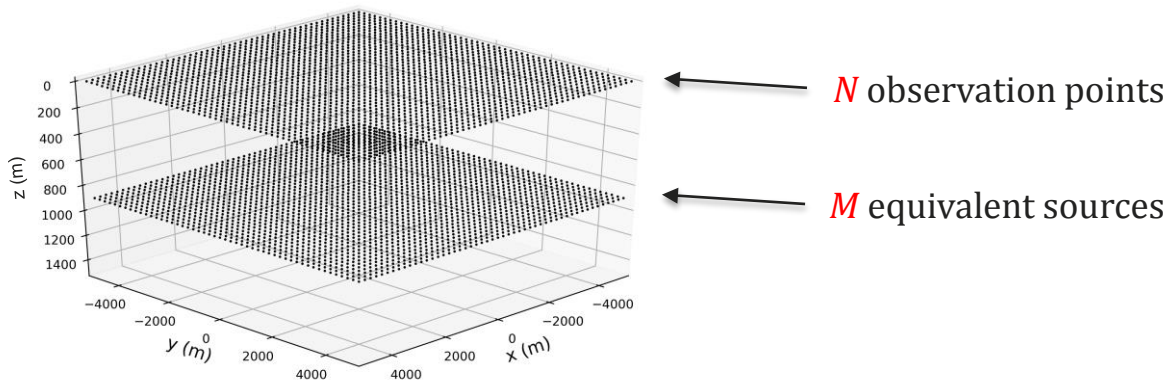
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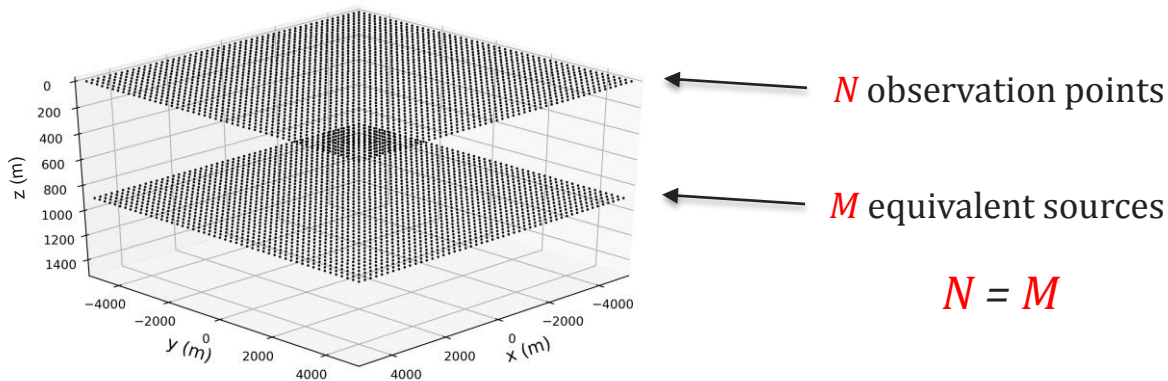


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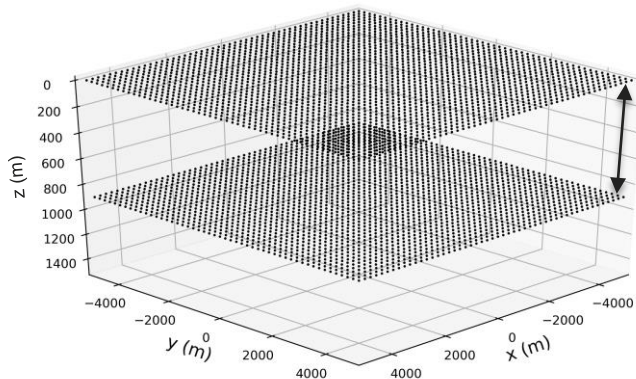
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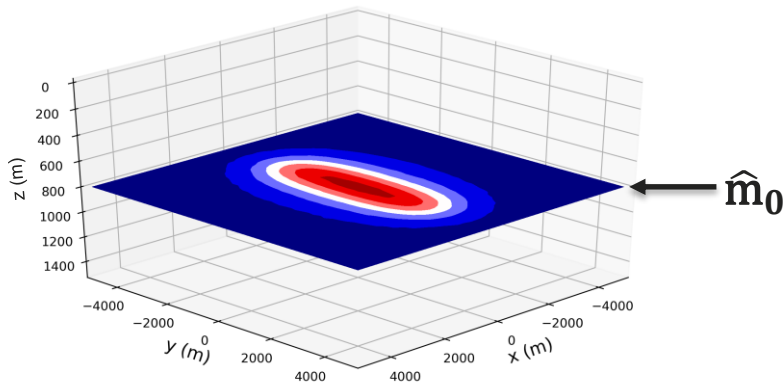
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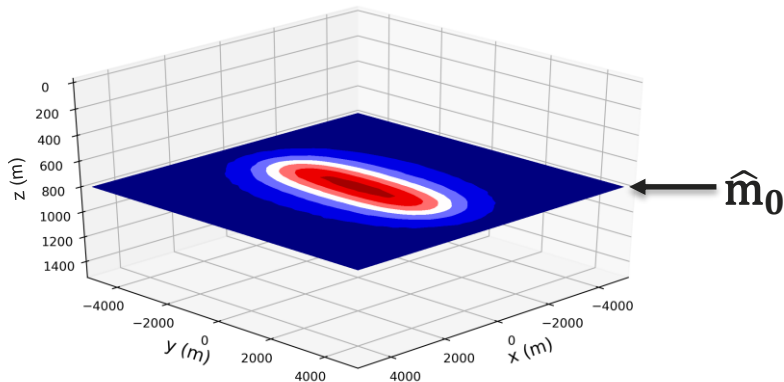
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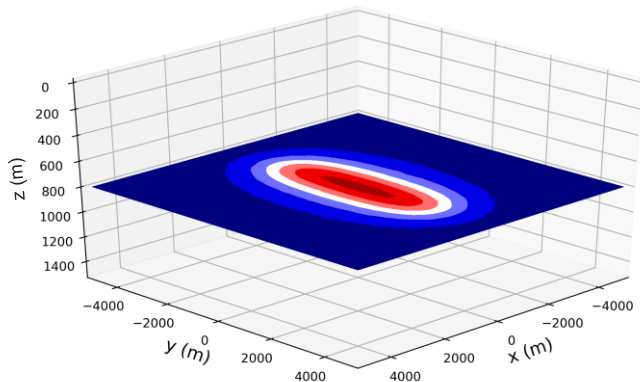
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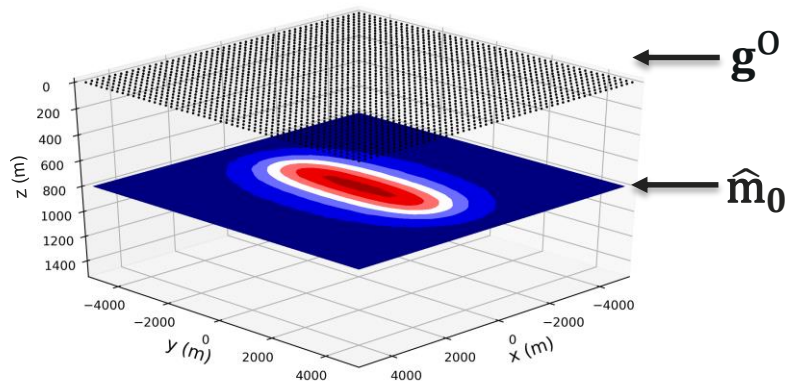
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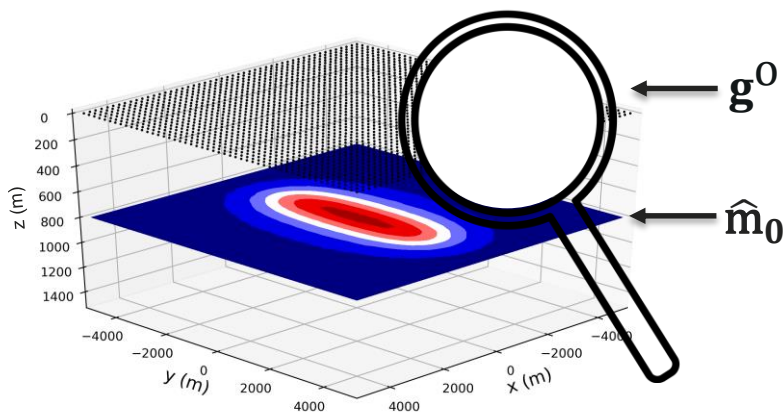
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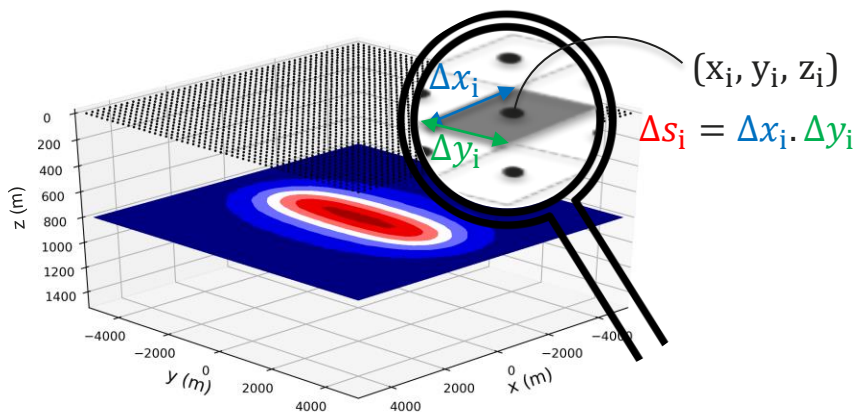
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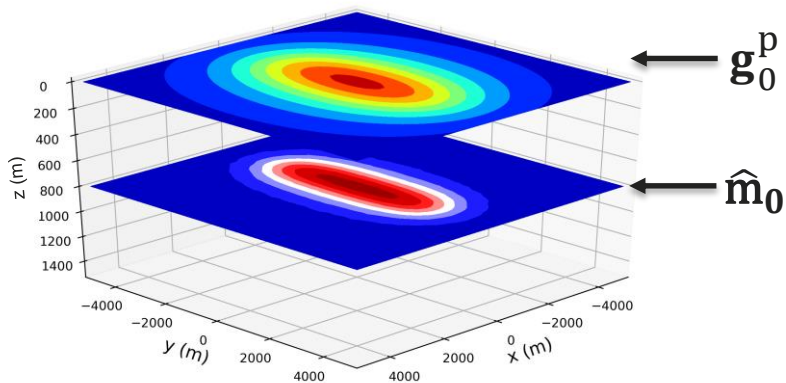
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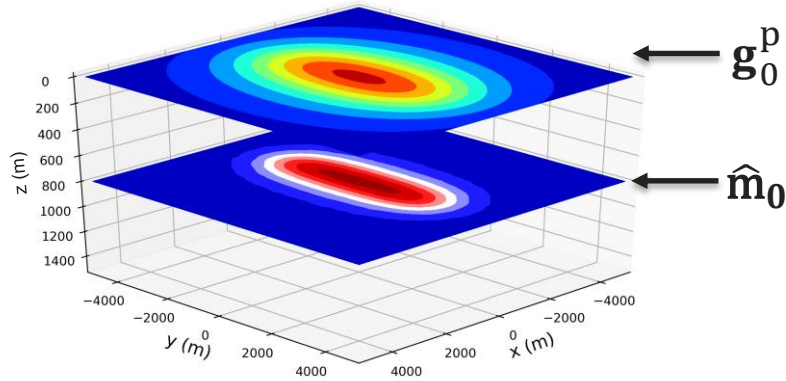
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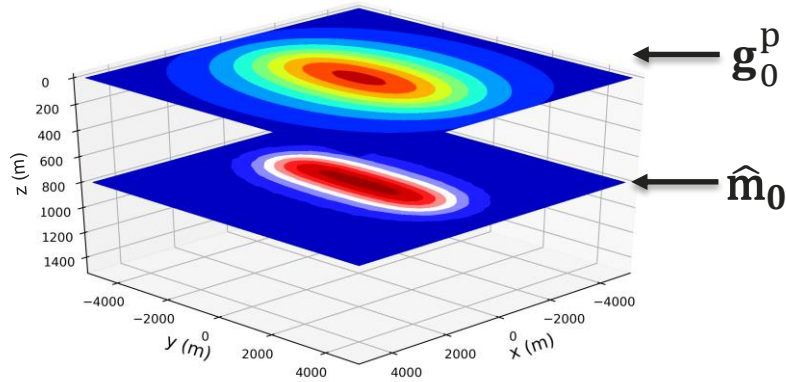
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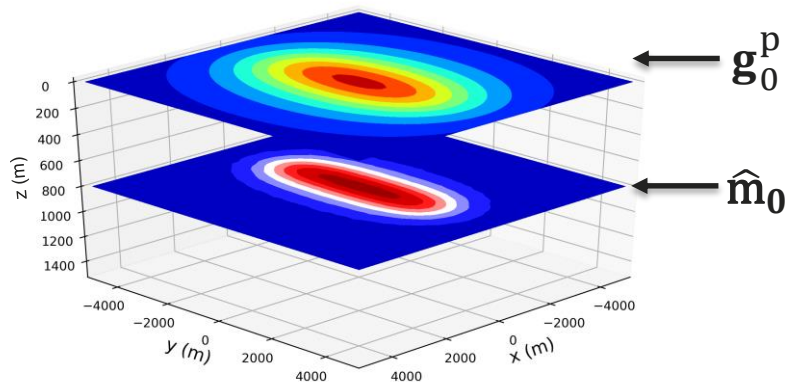


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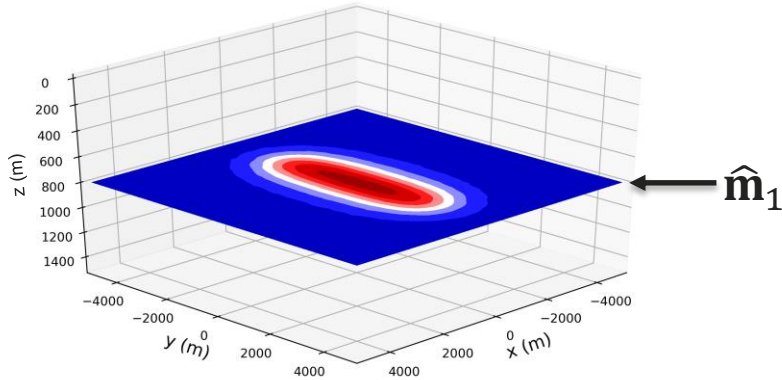
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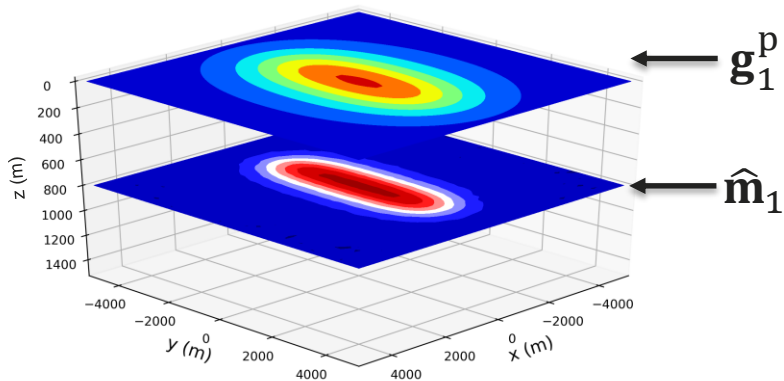
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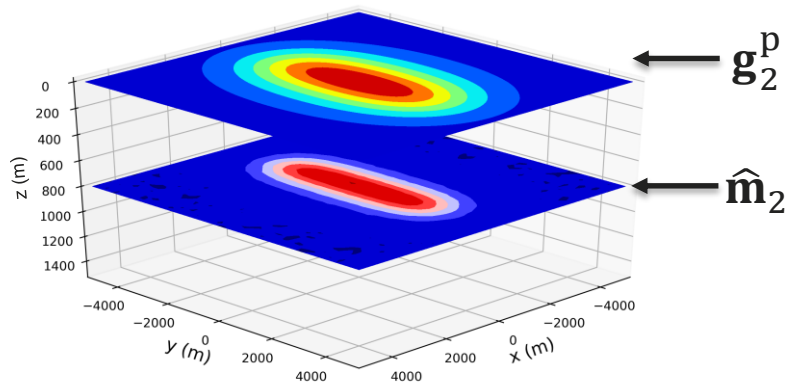
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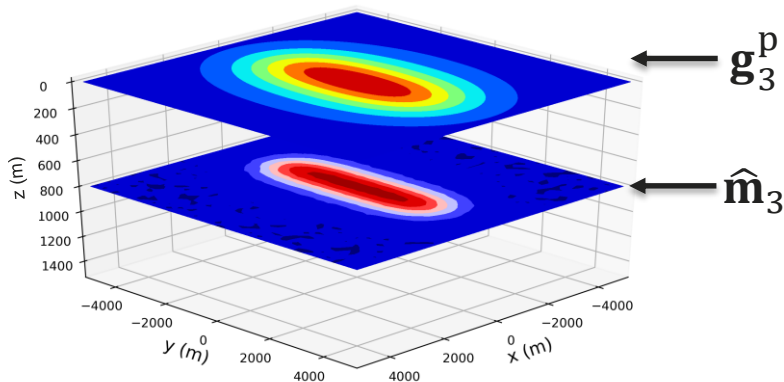
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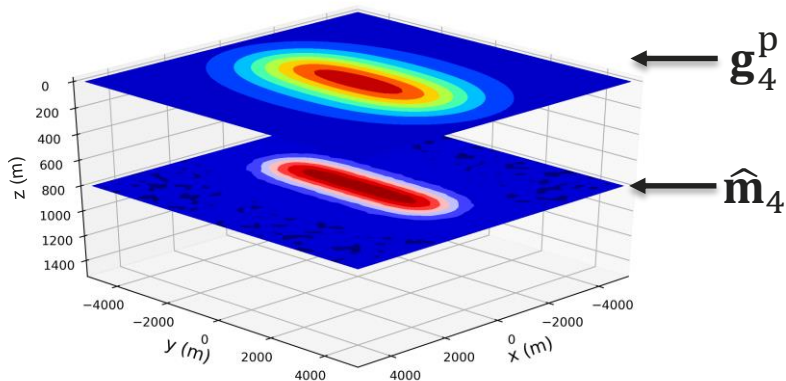
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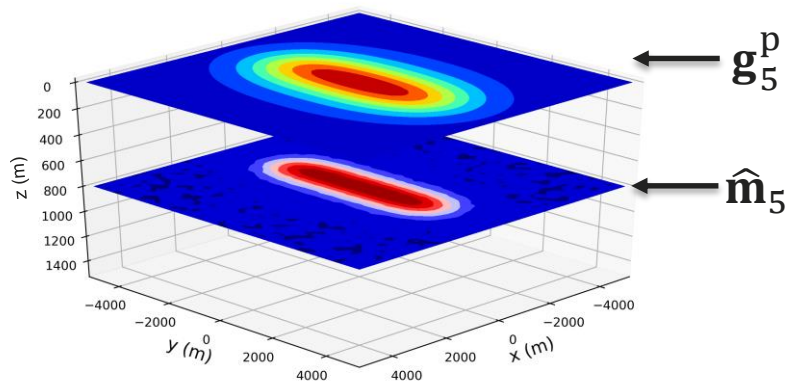
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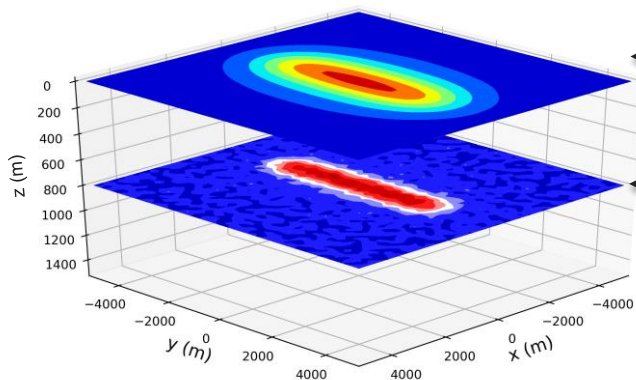
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## ... 30<sup>th</sup> Iteration

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$\mathbf{g}_{30}^p$

$\hat{\mathbf{m}}_{30}$

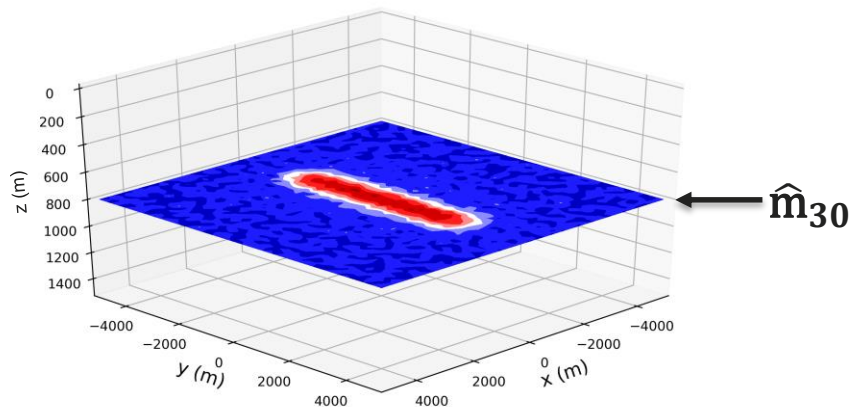
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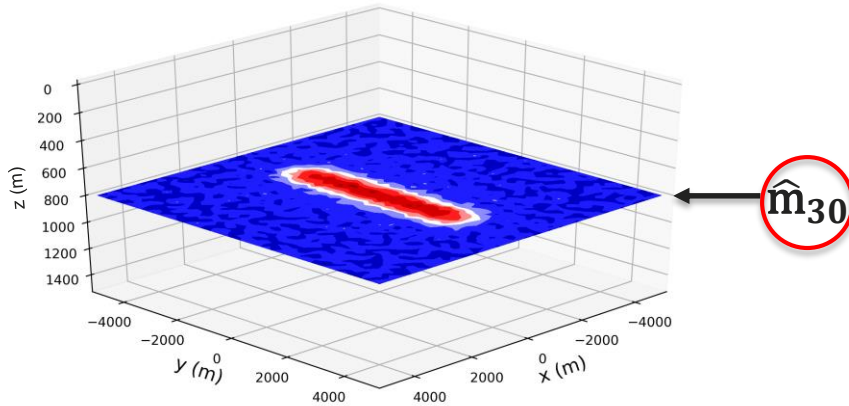
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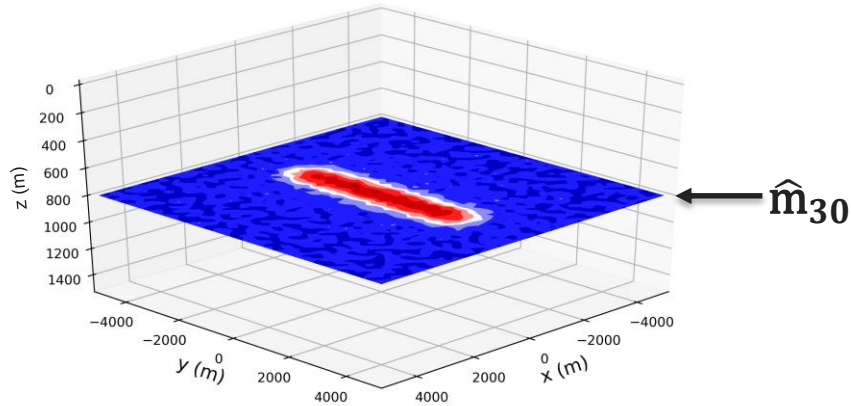
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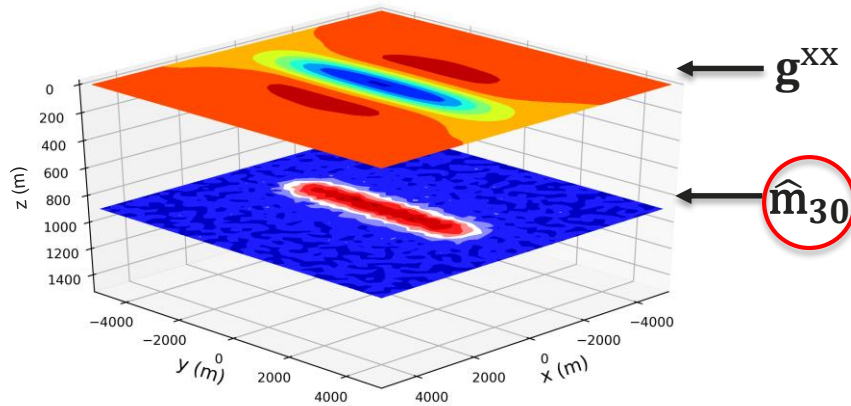
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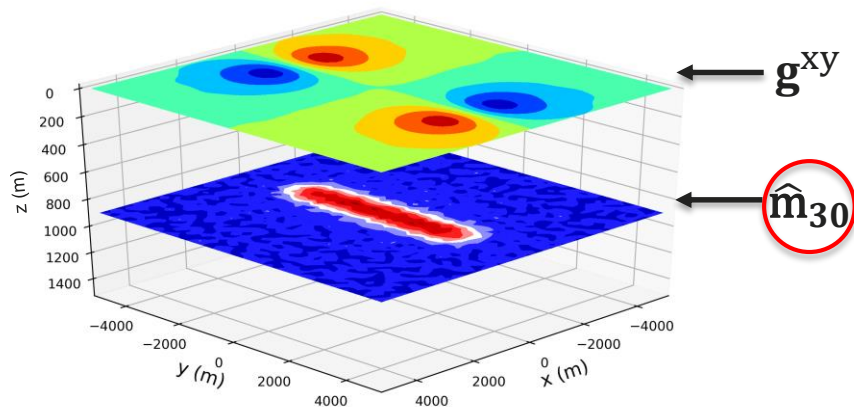
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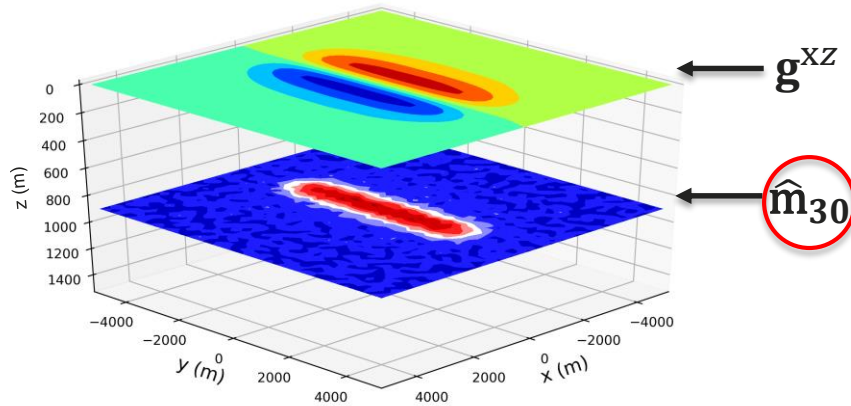


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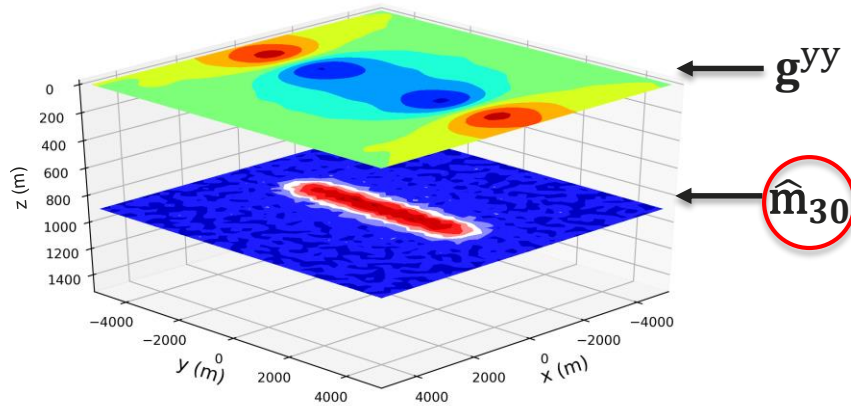
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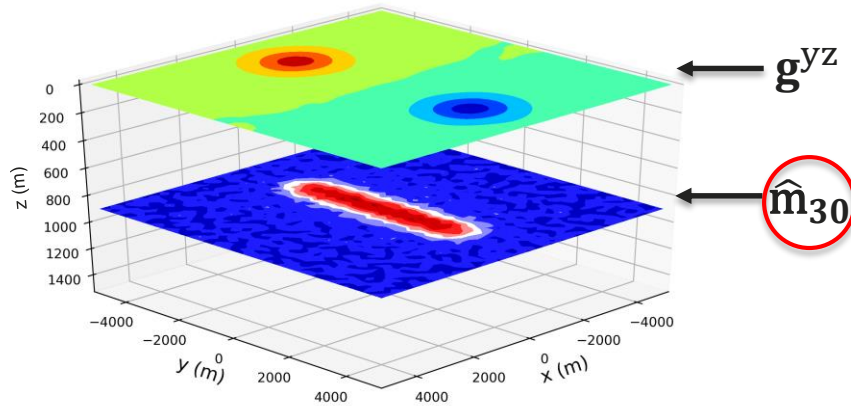
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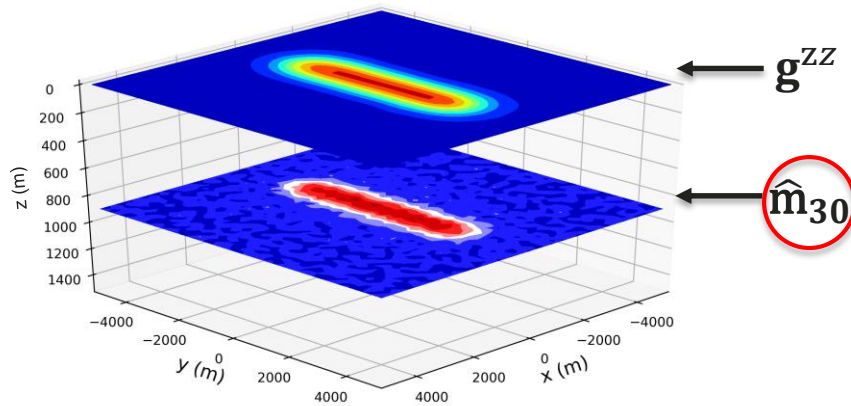
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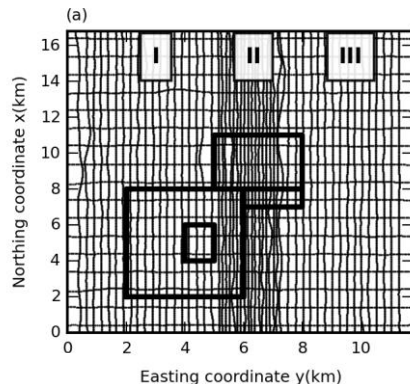
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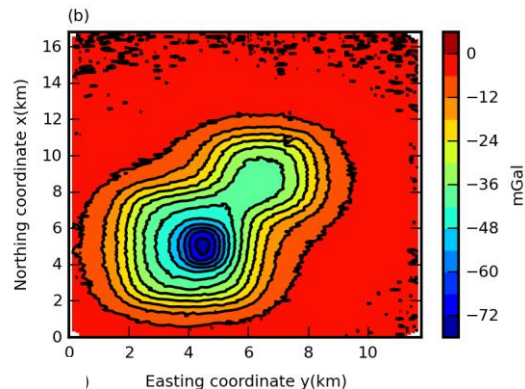
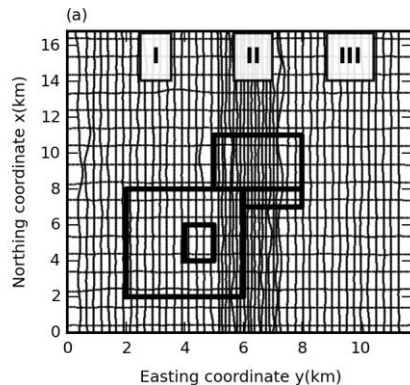
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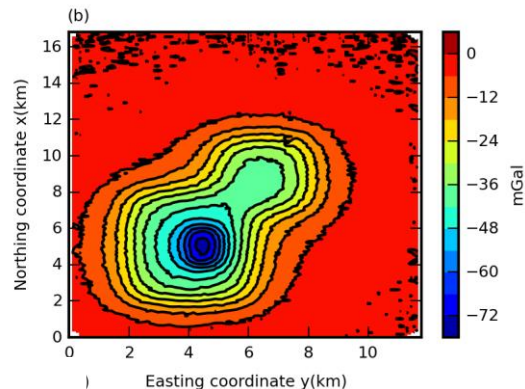
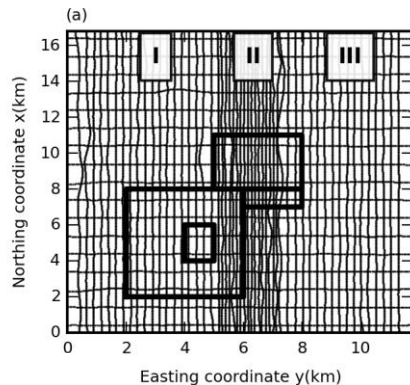
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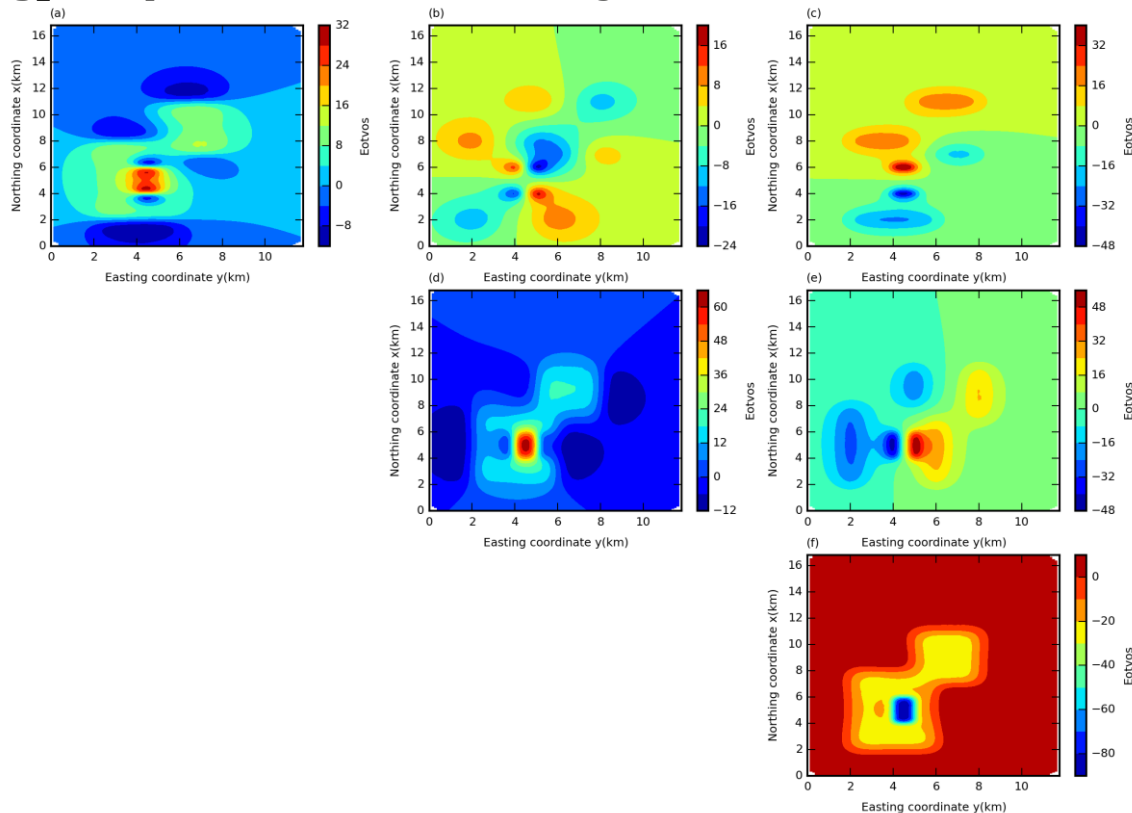


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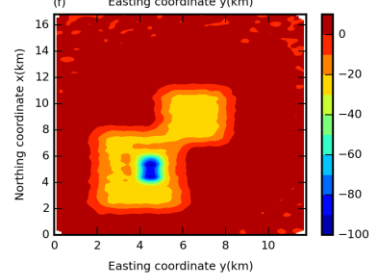
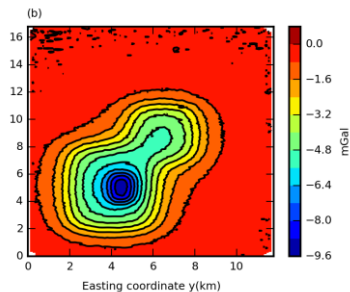
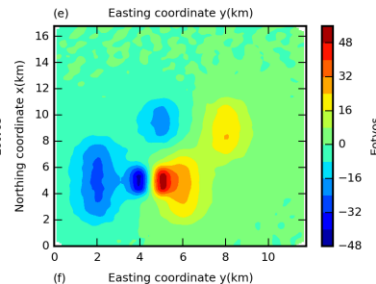
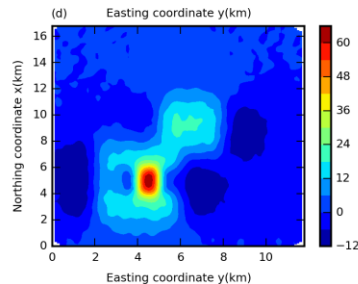
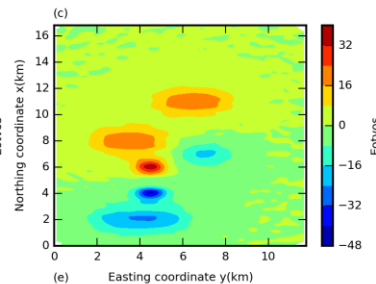
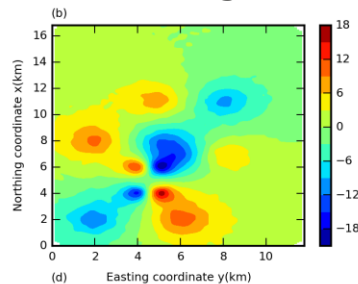
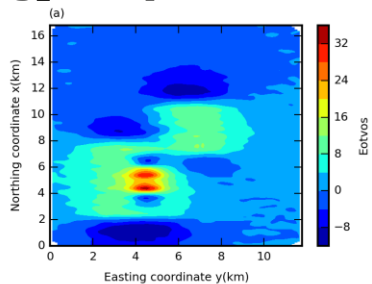
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30 iterations

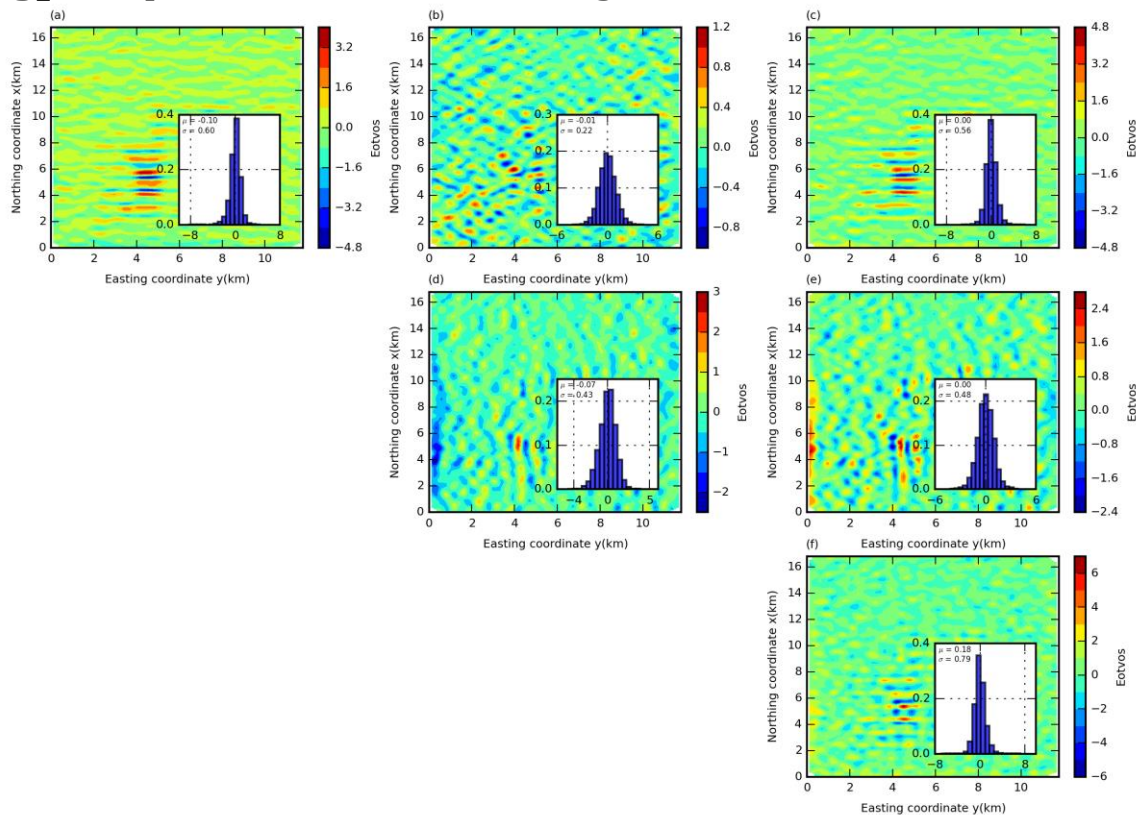
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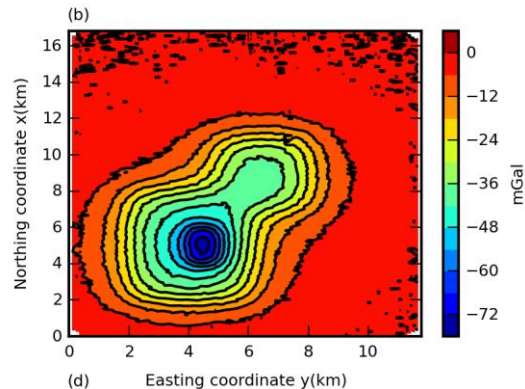
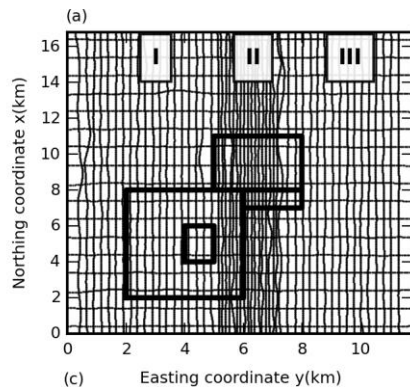
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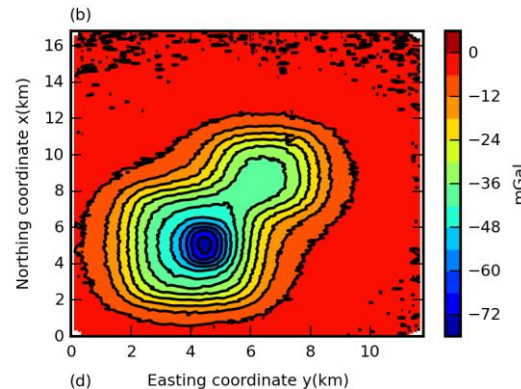
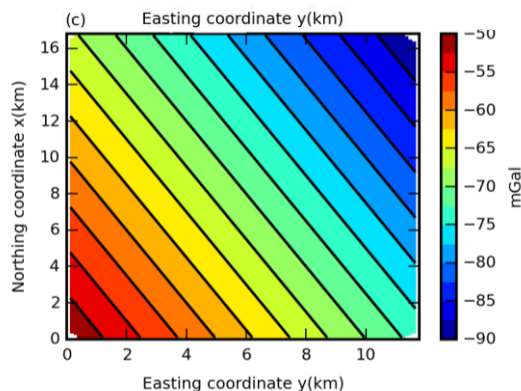
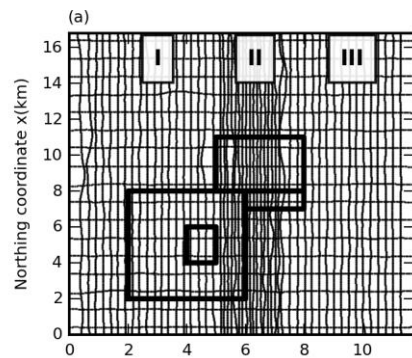
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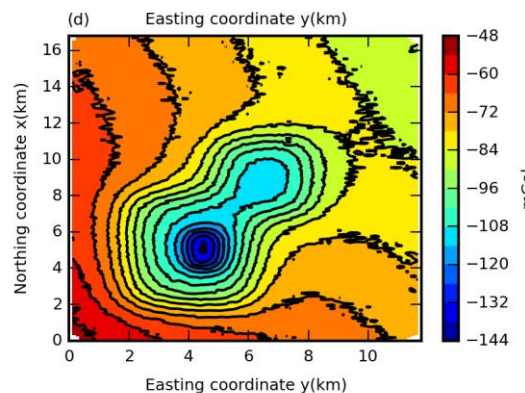
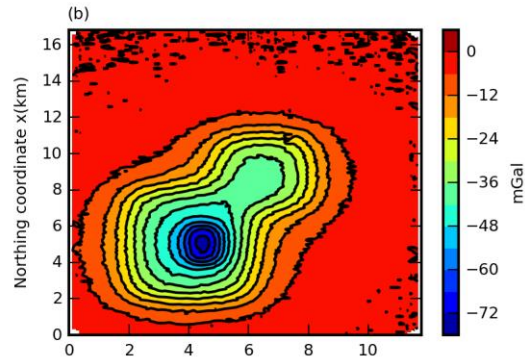
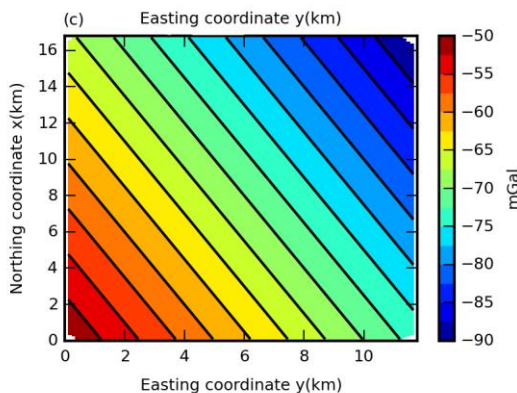
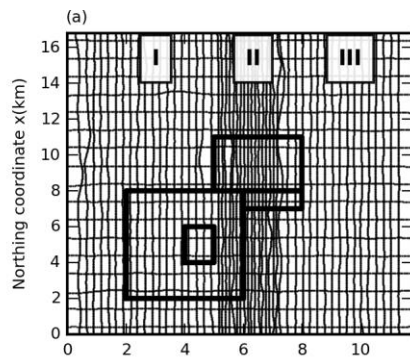
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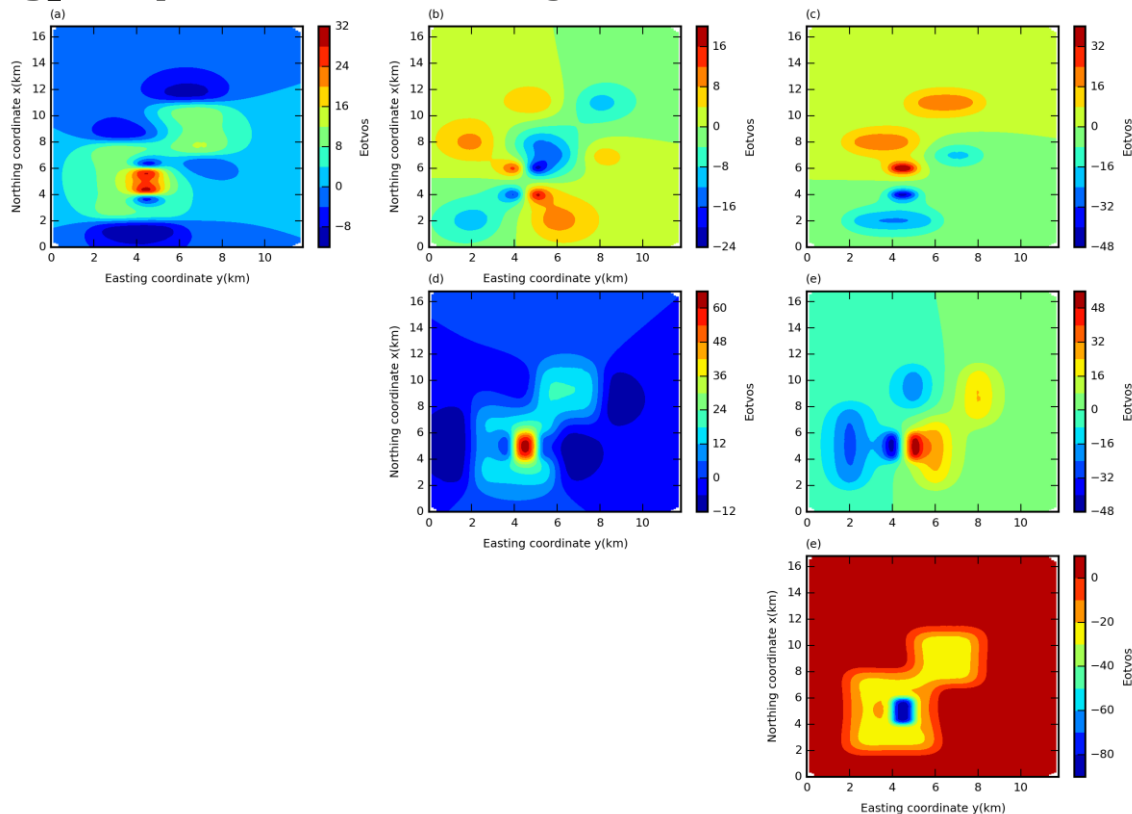
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- True gravity-gradient data





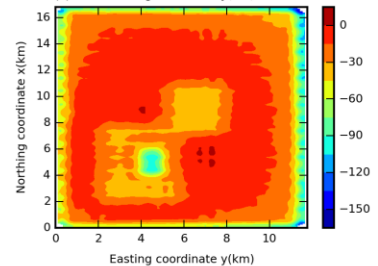
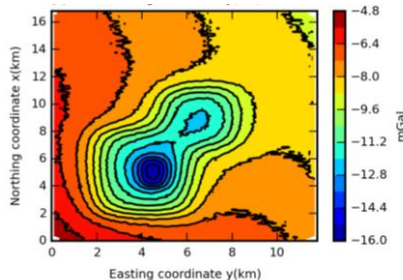
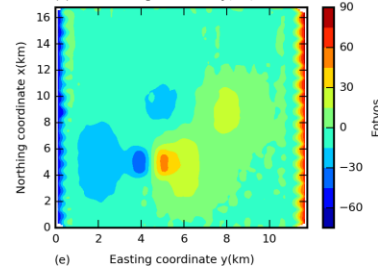
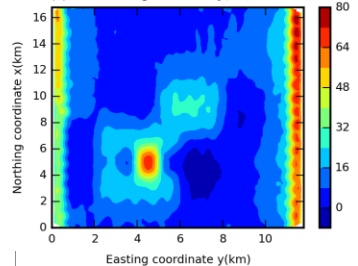
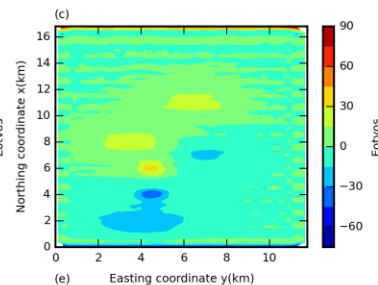
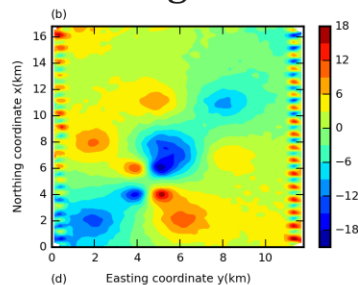
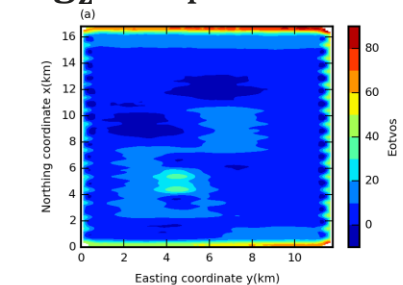
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- Predicted gravity-gradient data

$$z_j = 400\text{m}$$

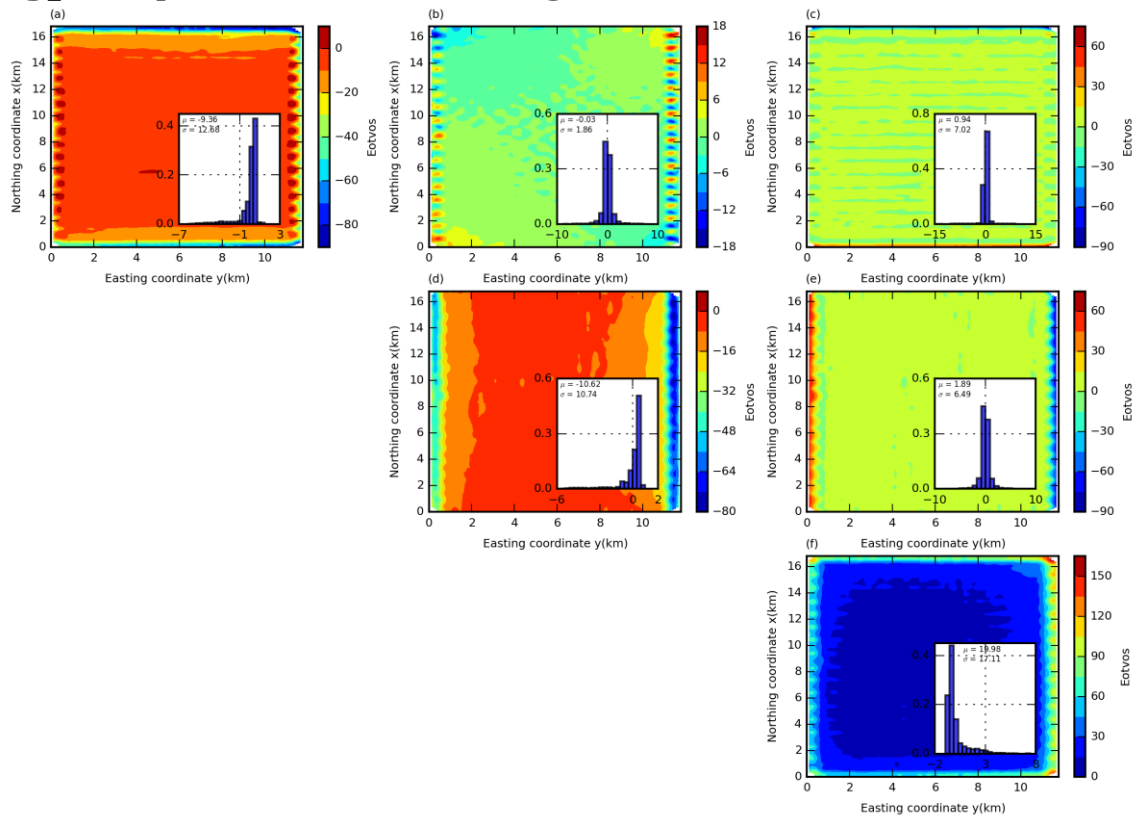
30 iterations

Total  $g_z$ -component data



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### Residuals



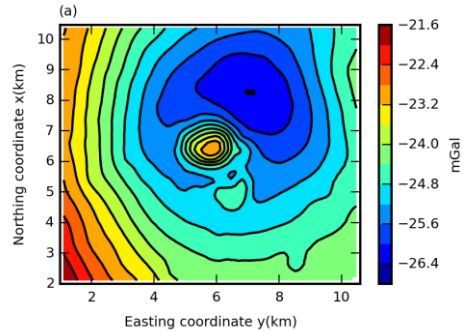
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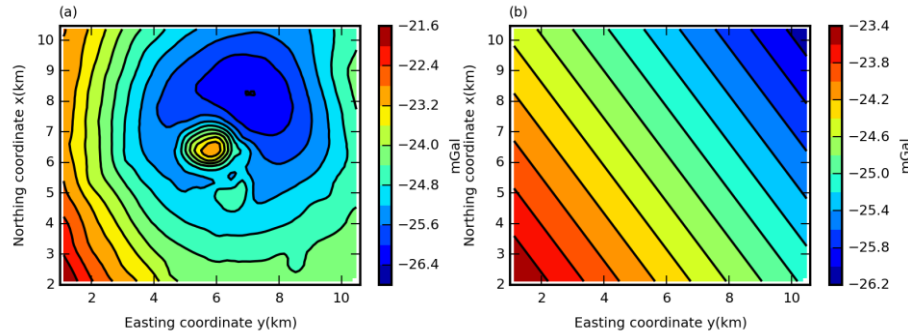
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- $g_z$ -component data



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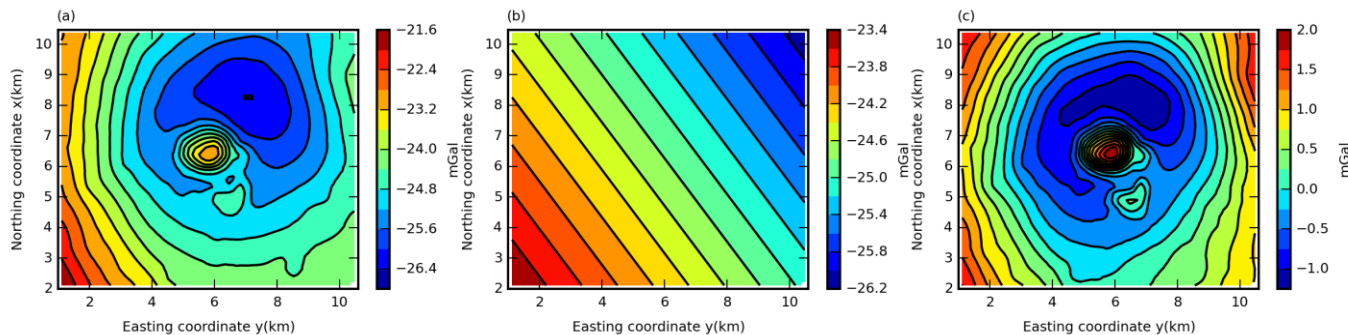
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Beltrão et al. (1991): regional-residual separation method.

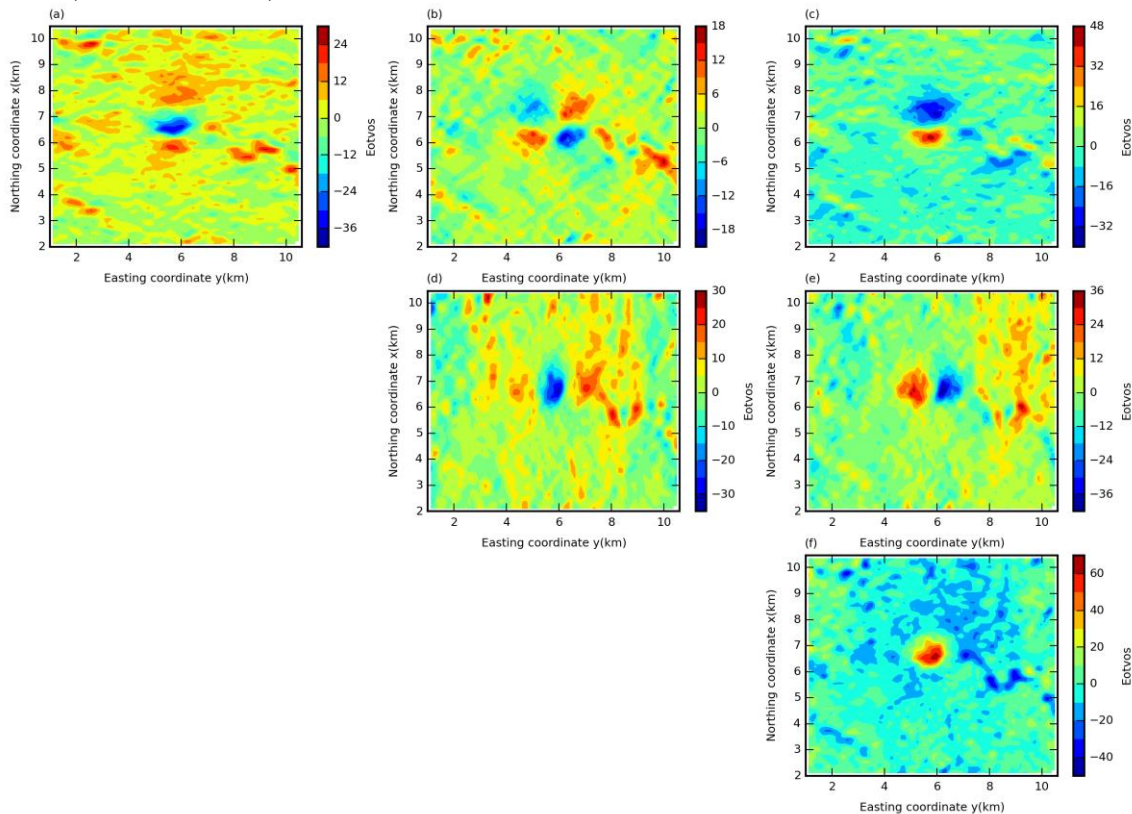
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- $g_z$ -component data
- Regional trend removed
- Residual  $g_z$ -component data



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- Observed  
gravity-  
gradient data

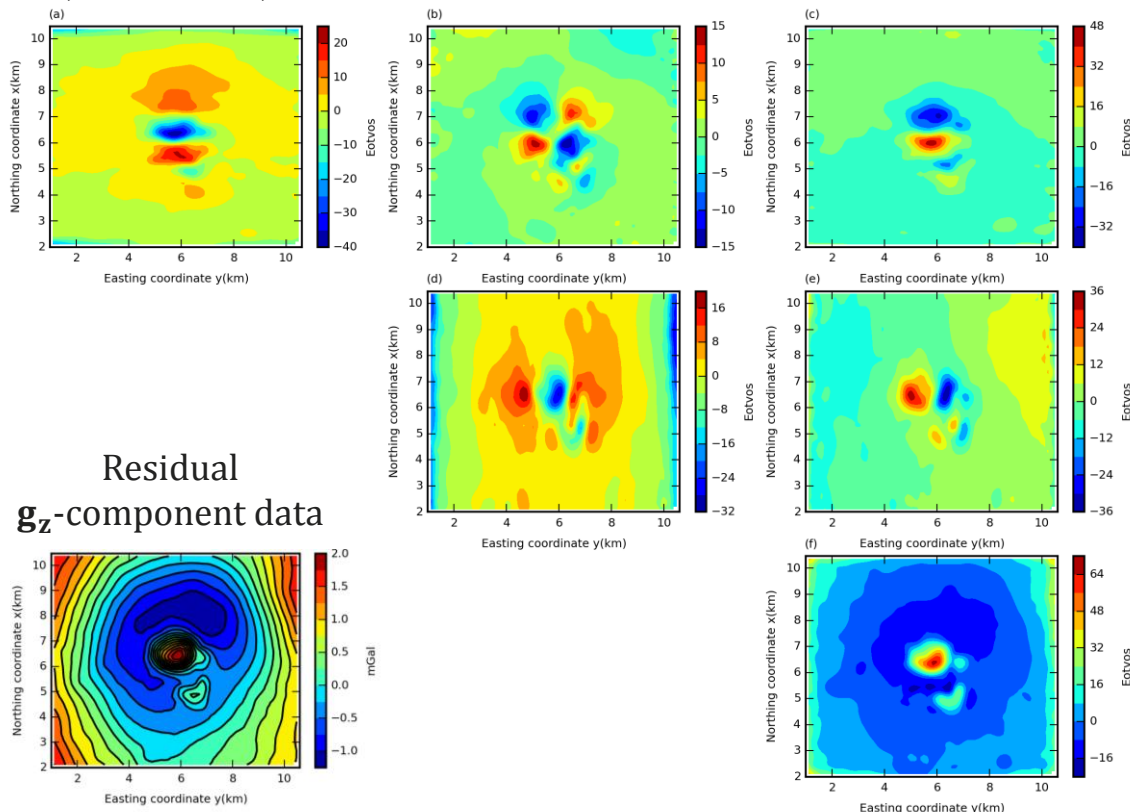


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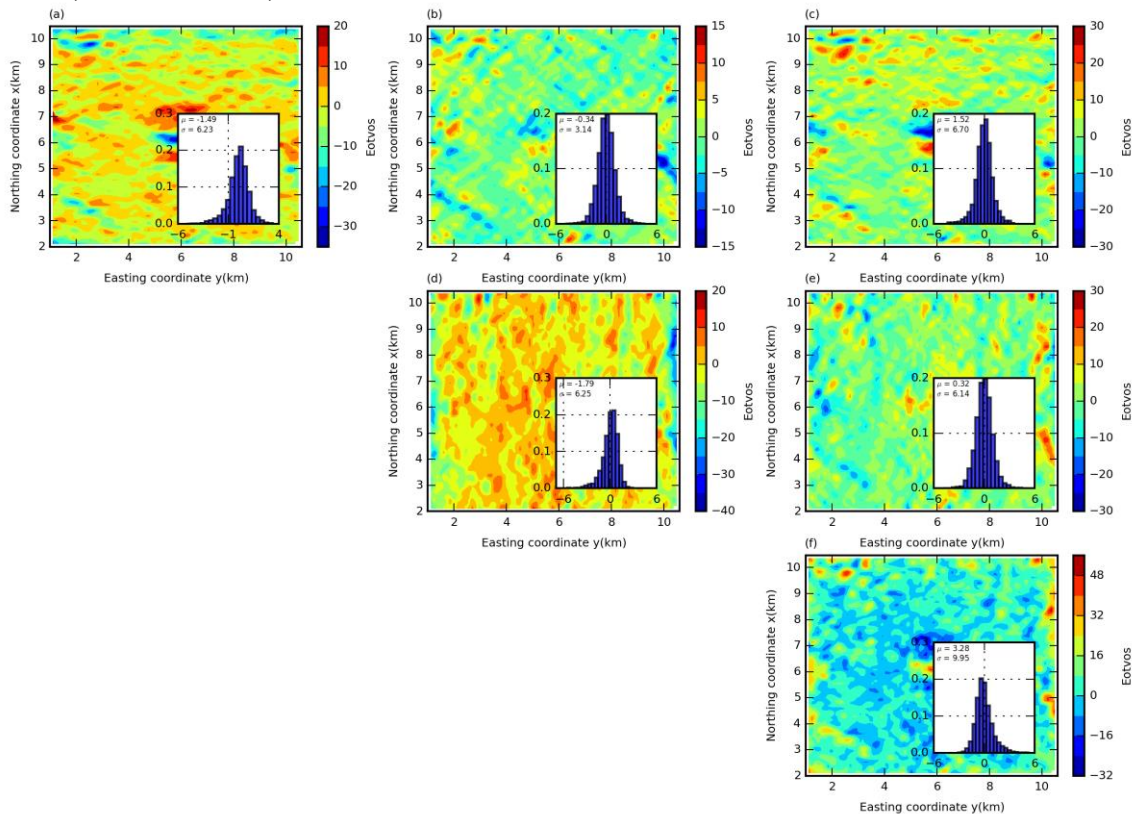
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